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¹ See also vol. I, p. xiv.

PREFACE

THIS volume completes the records of the Chapters from their first institution to the Dissolution of the Monasteries. There is no space here to discuss the various points of interest that arise. One thing, however, deserves mention ; the putting together of these documents has revealed, impressively and rather unexpectedly, what practically amounts to a new movement or tendency in monastic history. The Cluniac insistence on the *Opus Dei* and the Cistercian insistence on manual labour seem to be balanced, among the English Black Monks at least, from the middle of the thirteenth century, by a deliberate policy of insistence on study, especially by establishing contact with the Universities. This policy runs through all these three volumes ; and it produced a new type of monk, what the late Dom Berlière once aptly described for me as “ *le moine universitaire*,” a type highly privileged, influential, and much in evidence in the monasteries and in the General Chapters. It is remarkable, and gratifying, how much information can be gathered, not only about the well-known figures like Utred and Easton, but also about the rank and file of the monk-scholars ; and this book will have served at least one useful purpose if it helps to “ excavate ” this type of monk. It may be difficult to estimate the tangible results of this study movement, but the existence of such a policy throws a valuable light both on medieval English monasticism, and upon medieval society as a whole. It well illustrates what Rashdall said of the influence of the medieval universities : that they “ put the direction of public and private affairs of all kinds very largely into the hands of highly educated men, ‘ men who had devoted a considerable portion of their lives to severe and exacting mental labour.’ ”¹

¹ *Cambridge Medieval History*, VI, 600.

PART II

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS
CONCERNING THE PROVINCIAL
CHAPTERS, 1336-1540

DOCUMENTS No. 181-284

[181. *The Constitutions of Benedict XII for the Black Monks : Summi Magistri : 20 June, 1336 ; printed Wilkins Concilia, II, 588 ; Cocquelines, Bullarium Romanum (Rome, 1741), III (ii), 214 ; Bullarium Taurinense, IV, 347.]*

[182. *Pope Benedict XII to the abbots of St. Mary's York and St. Albans, appointing them executors, to convene the first provincial Chapter. 13 Dec., 1336 : recited in No. 185 below. A summary of this Bull, under the title Articuli bulle domini pape Benedicti contenti in prima bulla, is printed from Canterbury Register L, fo. 105^v,¹ in Literae Cantuarienses (Rolls Series, 1888), II, 200.]*

[183. *Pope Benedict XII sends his Constitutions for the Black Monks, to the English Black Monks, and enjoins their observance. 13 Jan., 1337.]*

Durham MS. B, IV, 41, fo. 186^v (= Db) ; Bodleian MS. Dodsworth 76, fo. 78. Printed, Wilkins, II, 588.

Benedictus episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis universis abbatibus, prioribus,² decanis aliisque personis ordinis seu religionis monachorum nigrorum in proximo ipsorum provinciali capitulo in Cantuariensi et Eboracensi celebrando provincia congregandis, salutem, et apostolicam benedictionem. Ad salubrem et felicem statum ordinis et religionis monachorum nigrorum paterne consideracionis intuitum attencius dirigentes, pro salute et³ prosperitate illorum, prehabita deliberacione matura, nonnulla statuta edidimus et ordinaciones fecimus, que voluimus et mandavimus ac volumus et mandamus ubique infra ordinem seu religionem huiusmodi perpetuis futuris⁴ temporibus firmiter observari, prout in eisdem statutis et ordinacionibus bulla nostra munitis plenius

¹ The other documents on the same folio are about Jan.-Feb., 1338.

² + et Dodsworth.

³ interlin Db.

⁴ om Db.

continetur. Quocirca universitati vestre per apostolica scripta mandamus, quatinus ordinaciones et statuta predicta cum multa maturitate digesta et in unam compilacionem redacta, quam sub eadem bulla nostra vobis transmittimus, prompto et devoto suscipientes affectu, ipsa ute[m] spiritualem profectum vestrum et tocius ordinis decorem respiciencia memorati efficaciter observetis et quantum ad vos pertinuerit faciatis per alios observari, ut luceat lux vestra coram hominibus in bonis operibus, et in eis Pater celestis iugiter collaudetur. Datum Avinione, Idus Ianuarii, pontificatus nostri anno tertio.

[184. *Two officials demand payment for the expenses of the publication of the Constitutions of Benedict XII. 2 May, 1337.*]

[A contemporary copy: the right margin is torn away, but the missing words, in brackets, have been restored from the similar document in *Chapters of the Augustinian Canons*, ed. Salter (Oxford Hist Soc, 1922), p. 158.]

Bodleian MS. Dodsworth 76, fo. 78.

Reverendis in Christo patribus, universis dominis abbatibus ac prioribus aliisque personis ordi[nis seu reli]gionis monachorum nigrorum in proximo ipsorum provinciali capitulo in Cantuariensi [et Eboracensi] celebrando provincia congregandis, Bernardus de Genebreda de Longavilla et Iohannes de [Fisco sancti Pau]li de Cadaisonis Cluniacensis et sancti Benedicti ordinum, Rotomagensis et Vaurensis diocesium, prioratu[um priores, salutem] et votive prosperitatis salubria incrementa. Sanctissimus pater in Christo et dominus noster, dominus Benedictus [divina providen]cia papa xij^{us} super expedicione statutorum et ordinacionum, que in ordine monachorum nigrorum salu[br]iter edidit, nos duos prosecutores in Romana curia per suas apostolicas literas deputans, nobis inter cet[era pro dictorum] expedicione ab abbatibus, capitulis, prioribus et aliis administratoribus eiusdem ordinis seu religionis [.] videretur, certam summam peccunie exigendi, taxandi quoque et distribuendi, quantum abbates, capitula, [priores, et] administratores eiusdem religionis cuiusque per eum distincte provincie de expensis in scripturis ac[.] et alias premissorum occasione per nos factis seu faciendis solvere teneantur, dedit plenam [et liberam potestatem], prout in apostolicis literis super hoc confectis et aliis, que puplicatoribus dictarum ordinacion[um in vestra de]putatis provincia diriguntur, laciis continentur; vobis igitur tenore presencium intimamus, quod ma[tura super hec] cum

quibusdam reverendis patribus eiusdem religionis deliberacione prehabita, certis ex causis provinciam [vestram totam pro] expensis per nos premissorum occasione factis, auctoritate apostolica nobis in hac parte commissa, taxamus ad tressent[os . . . florenos ? .] de Florencia. Verum quia iuxta literarum apostolicarum nobis directarum tenorem, taxacio nostra huiusmodi per [presidentes ipsi] primo vestro provinciali capitulo per ipsum capitulum eligen-dos, inter singulos abbates, ca[pitula, cathe]dralium ecclesiarum priores, et administratores alios abbates proprios non habentes eiusdem religio[nis vestre provincie] debet proporcionaliter distri-bui, secundum ipsorum et membrorum suorum facultates ; illos ex vobis qui [.] eodem capitulo presidentes, ut taxa-cionem nostram predictam inter abbates, capitula, priores, et a[lios admini]stratores ipsius religionis vestre provincie abbates proprios non habentes, iuxta singulorum et m[embrorum suorum] facultates, antequam ab ipso discedant capitulo, racionabiliter distribuant, omni gracia et [inordinat]a[vore] rejectis, et vos omnes et singulos, ut partem vos et loca vestra iuxta distributionem dictorum pre[sidencium con]tingentem, in ipso primo provinciali capitulo vel infra viginti quatuor dies post ipsum capitul[um immediate] sequentes, quorum octo pro primo, octo pro secundo, et reliquos octo pro tercio et peremptorio termino, vestrum sing[ulis assigna-mus], ipsis presidentibus exsolvatis ; et eosdem insuper presi-dentes, ut totam nostram taxacionem predictam [infra] | verso septuaginta dies post dictos viginti quatuor inmediate sequentes, quorum viginti pro primo, viginti pro secundo, et reliquos triginta pro tercio et peremptorio termino ipsis assignamus, nobis mittant, tam pro se, quam pro aliis, ad Romanam curiam, tenore presen-cium requirimus, et auctoritate apostolica nobis in hac parte com-missa, semel, secundo et tercio ac peremptorio eciam admonemus. Quod si forte mandatis nostris, immo verius apostolicis non [parueritis cum effectu, ingressum ecclesie omnibus et singulis vestrum, qui super hiis contumaces et in[obedientes fueritis, ex nunc ut ex tunc predicta canonica monitione premissa interdicimus in hiis scriptis. Si vero predictum interdictum per sex dies sus-tinueritis, vos omnes et singulos qui in premissis noluerint obedire, canonica monitione premissa ex nunc ut ex tunc in hiis scriptis suspendimus a divinis. Et si forte quod absit predictas interdicti et suspensionis sentencias per alios sex dies, prefatos sex [dies in]mediate sequentes, animo sustinueritis indurato, in omnes et singulos ex vobis, qui ut premittitur [contumaces] et inobedientes

fueritis in premissis, canonica monicione premissa [ex n]unc ut ex tunc [in hiis scripti]s excommunicacionis sentenciam promulgamus. Postremo singuli abbates, capitula, priores et alii [superiores i]n eadem religione non habentes, secundum dictarum literarum tenorem, partem de summis predictis ipsos et [eorum loca seu] monasteria iuxta distribucionem dictorum presidencium contingentem inter se ac subditos seu membra [sua proporcionaliter] aliter dividant iuxta eorum suppetenciam facultatum. Vos omnes tamen et singulos st[. . . requi]rimus et monemus, quatinus premissorum occasione a subditis vestris ultra partem eos racionabiliter et ve[r]aciter conting[entem] exigere nullatenus presumatis. Quod si forte quod absit aliqui contrarium fecerint, ortam[ur super hoc ple]nariam restitucionem fieri, et tam per presidentes predictos, quam ipsorum ordinacionum puplicato[res, seu vi]sitatores alios salubre remedium adhiberi. In quorum omnium testimonium presentes literas seu [publicum ins]trumentum per Gerardum de Rumilly clericum Remensis diocesis notarium publicum infrascrip[tum] scribi et [puplicari] mandavimus et sigillorum nostrorum appensionibus roborari. Datum et actum Avinione in hospicio ha[bitacionis] sub anno a nativitate [Domini millesimo] CCC^{mo} tricesimo septimo, [indictione quinta,] die secunda mensis Maii, pontificatus supradicti domini Benedicti pape xij^{mi} anno [tercio, presenti]bus religiosis et discretis viris domino Iohanne de Bastida priore prioratus de Villafranca [Clunia]censis ordinis et Poncio Iohannis clero Astoricensis et Uticensis diocesium, testibus ad premissa voca[tis et] rogatis.

Et ego Gerardus de Rumilly clericus Remensis diocesis imperiali [auctoritate notari]lus puplicus predictis omnibus et singulis dum per dictos dominos prosecutores et coram eis ut supra[.] tur presens interfui, una cum suprascriptis testibus, sub anno, indictione, die, mense, pontifica[tu] predicitis, eaque omnia et singula scripsi et in hanc publicam formam redegi, meoque solito signo signavi, vocatus specialiter et rogatus.

[185. *Summons by the abbots of St. Mary's York and St. Albans to attend the first provincial chapter (Northampton, 10 June, 1338), in accordance with a Bull of Benedict XII, 13 Dec., 1336, here recited. 10 and 17 March, 1338.]*

Cambridge University Library MS. Dd, IX, 38, fo. 1 (= R); Canterbury Cathedral, Cartae Antiquae, X, 6 (= C);

¹ See No. 188 below.

Durham MS. B, IV, 41, fo. 185 (= Db);

Durham Misc. Ch. 2466 (= M);¹

Brit. Mus. MS. Cotton Faustina A, VI, fo. 27 (= F).²

printed: Reyner, App. III, p. 202; Wilkins, II, 585.

Citacio recepta xiij^o Kalend' Maii anno Domini M^oCCC^mo tricesimo octavo.³

Abbates monasteriorum beate Marie Ebor'⁴ et sancti Albani⁵ ordinis sancti Benedicti Lincoln' dioc'⁶ executores ad infrascripta a sede apostolica specialiter deputati, universis et singulis . . abbatibus et prioribus abbates proprios non habentibus, ac eciam prioribus ecclesiarum cathedralium seu maioribus in ipsis ecclesiis cathedralibus post antistites earundem ordinis seu religionis nigrorum monachorum, in Cantuar' et Ebor' provinciis commorantibus seu degentibus, salutem,⁷ et mandatis apostolicis firmiter obedire. Noveritis nos literas sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri, domini Benedicti divina providencia pape xiij^m¹ cum vera ipsis domini nostri⁸ pape bulla plumbea in filo canapis integro more Romane curie bullatas, non viciatas, non cancellatas, non abolitas, nec in⁹ aliqua sui parte corruptas, sed omni suspicione carentes, ut prima facie apparebat,¹⁰ nuper cum ea reverencia qua decuit receperisse, tenorem continentem subsequentem¹¹:

Benedictus episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis beate Marie Ebor' et sancti Albani Lyncolniensis diocesis, ordinis sancti Benedicti monasteriorum . . abbatibus, salutem, et apostolicam benedictionem. Paterne consideracionis aciem ad salubrem statum

¹ parchment, 9 x 8½ in.; no trace of seal or attachment; apparently a contemporary transcript, omitting the Bull; endorsements, see below.

² a Durham Register, c. 1333-1406.

³ so R.; Hic incipiunt constitutiones domini pape Benedicti xiij^m¹ super ordinem monachorum nigrorum. Epistola abbatum ad alios abbates et priores Db; Citacio ad primum capitulum provinciale, et nota diem receptionis [cf. No. 189 below] F; M has two endorsements: (a) in same hand as text Citacio ad capitulum generale < Recepta apud Dunelm' xvij die mensis Aprilis in vigilia sancti Elphegi added>; (b) in a later hand 25 Citacio directa abb[atibus] prior[ibus] generaliter per abbates sancte Marie Ebor' et sancti Albani executores mandati apostolici pro primo generali sive provinciali capitulo celebrando apud Northampton. ^{1a} ^{2a} Ciste.

⁴ Thomas de Multon, 1331-59.

⁵ Michael de Mentmore, 1336-49.

⁶ Linc. dioc. o.s.B. C.

⁷ interlin M.

⁸ interlin M.

⁹ interlin R.

¹⁰ apparebit C

¹¹ qui sequitur continentes C; Db adds title littera papalis ad abbates beate Marie Ebor' et sancti Albani Linc' dioc'; MF omit the Bull. Cf. an identically worded Bull, of the same date, for the Provinces of Tarragona and Saragossa, printed in *Catalonia Monastica* (Montserrat, 1929), II, 248.

ordinis seu religionis monachorum nigrorum¹ attencius dirigentes, pro salute et prosperitate ipsorum, prehabita deliberacione matura, nonnulla statuta edidimus et ordinaciones fecimus, que voluimus et mandavimus in eodem ordine seu religione perpetuis futuris temporibus observari. Et quia in eisdem statutis et ordinacionibus inter alia duximus statuendum, quod in ordine seu in religione prefata, in singulis provinciis per nos in ipsis ordinacionibus noviter statutis et eciam designatis, fiat de triennio in trienium provinciale capitulum . . abbatum et priorum monasteriorum abbates proprios non habencium, et eciam priorum cathedralium ecclesiarum ordinis seu religionis ipsius, seu aliorum maiorum in ipsis ecclesiis existencium post antistites earundem, apud unum de monasteriis eiusdem ordinis ad hoc aptum, vel si hoc fieri non posset, apud aliud locum ad hoc congruum et securum, de quo monasterio seu loco et die primi capitulo huiusmodi² celebrandi, et alii ad id oportune³ facientibus providere habent, qui super hoc per sedem apostolicam forent deputati, prout in dictis ordinacionibus plenius continetur; ut hec execucioni debite demandentur, vos de quorum circumspectionis industria plenam in Domino fiduciam obtinemus, ad exequendum premissa et alia infrascripta in Cantuar' et Ebor' provinciis, quas quoad celebrandum nunc et imposterum huiusmodi provinciale capitulum pro una volumus et statuimus reputare provincia, tenore presencium deputantes; discrezioni vestre auctoritate apostolica committimus et districtus iniungimus, ut pro celebrando hac prima vice huiusmodi capitulo in dicta provincia per nos ut premititur designata, aliquod monasterium eiusdem ordinis seu religionis ad hoc aptum, si in ea valeat reperiri, aliquoquin,⁴ locum aliud ad hoc congruum et securum, et diem ad id eciam congruum cum continuacione dierum sequencium eligentes, . . abbates, . . priores et alios prenominatos ad huiusmodi⁵ capitulum convocare curetis, diem et locum predictos eis per vestras literas nichilominus intimantes, per quem in ipso primo instante⁶ capitulo, missa solemniter celebrari, sermoque covenientibus ad dictum capitulum fieri debeat, provide ordinando; eodemque capitulo congregato, faciatis aliquas personas ydoneas per ipsum capitulum eligi, que⁷ dicto primo capitulo presideant, eaque faciant et adimpleant que iuxta huiusmodi nostras ordinaciones vel alias sunt per presidentes huiusmodi provincialibus capitulis facienda; statuta quoque et ordinaciones huiusmodi, que

¹nig. mon. C.

²huius Db.

³optime Db.

⁴aliquoquin Db.

⁵om. Db.

⁶instanti C.

⁷qui in Db.

vobis et dicto capitulo sub bulla nostra transmittimus in eodem capitulo publicetis, ac legi et ascultari integraliter faciatis; omnes . . abbates, . . priores et alios predictos convenientes ad capitulum memoratum, necnon procuratores absencium, monendo et si necesse fuerit compellendo, ut ipsorum statutorum seu ordinacionum copiam sub auctentica scriptura recipiant, illa ad ecclesias, monasteria seu loca ipsorum fideliter delaturi, que eciam in dictis ecclesiis, monasteriis atque locis legi¹ faciant et diligencius custodiri et eciam² observari. Volumus eciam per dictum primum capitulum provideri de loco ad hoc accomodo et seculo eiusdem provincie, ubi liber ordinacionum seu statutorum nostrorum huiusmodi bulla nostra munitus, perpetuis futuris temporibus diligenter debeat conservari.³ Statuta eciam in provincialibus seu com- R, fo. 2v,
munibus . . abbatum et . . priorum predictorum dictarum Can- col. i.

tuar' et Ebor' provinciarum, vel alicuius earum capitulo olim facta, portari per eos qui illa habuerint ad prefatum primum capitulum, et ipsa per aliquos ab eodem capitulo deputandos examinari cum diligentia faciatis; et que de illis, que tamen nostris predictis ordinacionibus non obvient, in ipsa vestra provincia observari debeant, in sequenti eiusdem provincie capitulo ordinetur.⁴ Deinde ad ecclesias cathedrales, monasteria et alia loca conventionalia eiusdem ordinis seu religionis infra eandem provinciam existencia coniunctim vel⁵ divisim per diversas partes, prout adinvicem convereritis, personaliter accedentes, de ipsorum necnon membrorum suorum facultatibus,⁶ ac quot monachi esse consueverunt in eisdem, quot eciam de dictis facultatibus,⁶ incumbentibus eis supportatis oneribus, commode⁷ valeant sustentari, diligenter inquirere, nosque de premissis per diligentem et fidelem relacionem plenarie informare curetis; ut consideratis facultatibus et oneribus supradictis, certum in eis monachorum numerum statuere valeamus. Insuper certos et perpetuos redditus pro pensionibus magistris seu instructoribus ac monachis mittendis ad studia, necnon pro supplicatione⁸ officiorum et administracionum insufficiencium assignandi,⁹ secundum formam et modum qui¹⁰ in eisdem ordinacionibus exprimuntur; necnon ut in exequendis premissis vos non contingat expensis propriis pregravari, pro diebus singulis, quibus post predictum

¹ legi om. R Db.² eciam added in margin R³ observari C.⁴ ordinetur C.⁵ vel] et interlin Db.⁶ ac] de C.⁶⁻⁶ ac quot—facultatibus] added in margin in another hand Db.⁷ comodo C.; commede Db.⁸ supplicatione C.⁹ assignandi R Db; assignand' C.¹⁰ que Db.

capitulum celebratum, in predicte execucionis prosecuzione fueritis, eundo, morando, et redeundo, cuilibet vestrum exigendi¹ et recipiendi octoginta Turonenses² argenti dumtaxat ab ecclesiis, monasteriis, aliisque locis predictis conventionalibus, et membris eorum, congrua per vos vel vestrum alterum de illis inter ecclesias, monasteria, loca et membra predicta distribucione facta; ita quod nichil aliud ultra octoginta Turonenses predictos vos aut familiares vestri ab ecclesiis, monasteriis, locis vel membris predictis, vel a prelatis seu quibusvis personis ipsorum petere, exigere, vel eciam a volentibus solvere, seu dare, recipere presumatis; alioquin penis contra visitatores in provincialibus capitulis deputandos, ac familiares eorum, preter expensas eis in victualibus ministrandis pecuniam aut munera recipientes, in³ dictis constitutionibus et ordinacionibus nostris inflictis, vos et familiares vestros predictos volumus subiacere; contradictores quoque in premissis vel aliquo premissorum per censuram ecclesisticam et alia oportuna remedia compescendi⁴; non obstantibus quibuscunque statutis et consuetudinibus cathedralium ecclesiarum, monasteriorum et aliorum locorum eiusdem ordinis seu religionis provincie predicte contrariis, iuramentis, confirmacionibus apostolicis aut quibusvis firmitatibus aliis roboratis; seu si aliqui super provisionibus sibi faciendis de beneficiis monachalibus eiusdem ordinis in eadem provincia speciales vel generales apostolice sedis vel eius legatorum literas impetraverint,⁵ eciam si per eas ad inhibitionem, reservacionem et decretum, vel alias quomodolibet sit processum, quas quidem literas et processus habitos per easdem ad beneficia, que per vos pro premissis iuxta easdem ordinaciones assignata fuerint, volumus non extendi; aut si abbatibus, capitulis, seu prioribus supradictis communiter⁶ vel divisim ab eadem sit sede concessum, quod eis seu ipsorum monasteriis aut locis aliqua pensiones imponi vel in illis constitui, seu quod ad contribucionem velolucionem quarumlibet procuracionum seu talliarum vel impositionum⁷ huiusmodi minime teneantur, et ad id compelli; seu si ipsis coniunctim vel separatim a prefata sede indulatum existat, quod excommunicari, suspensi vel interdicti non possint, per literas apostolicas non facientes plenam et expressam ac de verbo ad verbum de concessionibus seu⁸ indultis huiusmodi mencionem, aut quibuscunque constitutionibus, ordin-

¹ exegend' C.² Turron' C; against this in margin: xl.s. R.³ ex Db.⁴ -endi R; end' C; cf. potestatem below.⁵ so Db; —arunt R C⁶ coniunctim C.⁷ or perhaps impositionem? C⁸ om C.

acionibus, vel statutis, privilegiis, indulgenciis, vel literis apostolicis generalibus vel specialibus contrariis, quorumcunque tenorum existant, per que presentibus non expressa vel totaliter non inserta earum effectus impediri valeat quomodolibet vel differri, et de quibus quorumque totis tenoribus habenda sit in nostris literis mencio specialis, plenam et liberam concedimus tenore presencium potestatem. Volumus autem quod eciam | de hiis que circa assignacionem dictorum reddituum pro pensionibus magistro seu instructori claustralium monachorum, ac monachis mittendis ad predicta studia impendendis, necnon de redditibus seu pensionibus officiis seu administracionibus insufficientibus supradictis applicandis, seu eciam uniendis, duxeritis ordinanda, et de aliis circumstanciis eorundem nos per vestras literas curetis similiter plenarie informare. Quod si non ambo premissis exequendis potueritis interesse, alter vestrum ea nichilominus exequatur. Ceterum quia pro predictorum statutorum et ordinacionum expeditione dilectos filios Bernardum de Genebreda de Longavilla, et Iohannem de Fisco sancti Pauli de Cadaionis, Cluniacensis et sancti Benedicti ordinum, Rotomagensis et Vaurensis dioc', prioratum . . priores, in Romana curia prosecutores, per alias nostras literas duximus deputandos ; et eis inter alia exigendi ab abbatibus, capitulis, prioribus, et aliis administratoribus eiusdem ordinis seu religionis de quibus videretur eisdem pro premissorum expeditione certas pecuniarum summas, et taxandi et distribuendi inter dictas provincias, quantum videlicet quelibet ¹ provincia per nos distincta ² de expensis per eos in scriptis ³ aut alias premissorum occasione factis solvere teneatur, ⁴ liberam dedimus potestatem ; volumus et mandamus, ut tam vos, quam presidentes primo provinciali capitulo, ceterique abbates eiusdem provincie, taxacionem per eos in ipsa vestra provincia impositam solvere, et alias circa hec eorum mandatis devote et efficaciter parere curetis. Datum Avinione Idus Decembris pontificatus nostri anno secundo.

⁵ Nos igitur volentes mandatis apostolicis sicut decet humiliter obedire, auctoritate dictarum literarum monasterium sancti Andree in Norhampton, ⁶ dicti ordinis seu religionis, Lyncolniensis diocesis, ad celebrandum in eodem dictum primum capitulum iuxta dictarum continenciam literarum, et ad faciendum cetera que in ipsis

¹ added in margin R.

² distinata ? Db R.C.

³ in scriptos Db.

⁴ teneantur C.

⁵ M F begin again here.

⁶ Northampton C.

R. fo. 2,
col. 1.

literis continentur, decimo die mensis Iunii cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum sequencium, deliberacione prehabita diligenter concorditer duximus eligendum; quem quidem¹ locum, pro eo quod quasi in medio regni consistit, congruum et securum, et dictum diem² terminum competenter, attentis locorum distanciis, reputamus. Quocirca vobis omnibus et singulis auctoritate qua fungimur in hac parte, de qua vobis copiam fieri, si eam congrue pecieritis, decernimus ut tenemur, in virtute obedientie qua dicte sedi tenemini, firmiter iniungendo mandamus, vosque et vestrum quemlibet tenore presencium, quas latori³ earundem ilico retradi volumus, peremptorie citamus, quod dictis die et loco cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum sequencium compareatis, et compareat vestrum quilibet, celebraturi et celebraturus tunc nobiscum dictum primum capitulum provinciale, audituri eciam et auditurus in ipso capitulo publicacionem et lectionem statutorum et ordinacionum, de quibus in dictis literis memoratur, ipsorumque copiam, et quicquid ulterius in dicto primo capitulo per presidentes eidem ad Dei laudem et honorem racionabiliter fuerit ordinatum, recepturi et recepturus, ac eciam ulterius⁴ facturi et facturus, quod dictarum literarum tenor exigit et requirit. Insuper cuicunque vestrum, qui statuta in provincialibus seu communibus . . abbatum et priorum predictorum dictarum Cantuar' et Ebor' provincialium seu alicuius earundem capitulis olim⁵ facta⁶ habuerit, auctoritate predicta iniungimus et mandamus, quatinus ipsa statuta dictis die et loco ad dictum capitulum secum deferat seu transmitti per alium faciat, si ad dictos diem et locum personaliter accedere iusto impedimentoo ipsum contigerit impediri; ut tunc de ipsis statutis fieri valeat, prout est in dictis literis ordinatum. Si vero dictis die et loco legitimo impedimentoo detenti seu quisvis vestrum detentus, nequiveritis vel nequiverit personaliter interesse; nichilominus eisdem die et loco, cum continuacione et prorogacione⁷ dierum sequencium, per unum commonachum ad faciendum omnia et singula, que superius in hoc nostro mandato, quin verius apostolico continentur, et vobis omnibus et singulis iniunguntur, procuratorem legitime constitutum, habentem inter cetera potestatem faciendi plenam fidem de impedimentoo huiusmodi, coram nobis studeatis et studeat vestrum quilibet comparere. De die vero receptionis presencium, et quid feceritis et fecerit vestrum quilibet

¹ quidem + et F.

² diem + et M F.

³ presencium struck through M.

⁴ om F.

⁵ om Db M F.

⁶ fuerit struck through M.

⁷ om Db M.

in premissis, una cum causis absencie, si vos vel vestrum aliquem dictis die et loco abesse contigerit, faciat et faciat nos eisdem die et loco, vestris vel suis literis cerciores; scituri quod si huiusmodi nostris mandatis, quin verius apostolicis, non parueritis et paruerit vestrum quilibet cum effectu, contra vos et vestrum quemlibet, in quantum de iure poterimus, iuxta dictarum¹ literarum exigenciam procedemus. Datum quoad nos . . . abbatem monasterii sancte² Marie Ebor' in eodem³ monasterio nostro⁴ decimo die mensis Martii, anno Domini millesimo CCC^m tricesimo septimo; Et quoad nos . . . abbatem monasterii sancti Albani predicti apud sanctum Albanum decimo septimo die mensis eiusdem anno Domini supradicto.

[186. *The King prohibits the executors of the Papal Bull (No. 182, 185) from inquiring into the possessions of, or coercing, the monasteries, especially those of Royal foundation. 12 May, 1338.]*

[This is evidently the royal prohibition which was delivered to the first chapter, on 10 June, 1338, and caused some perplexity: see vol II, p 7, above. The King seems to have regarded the summoning of the chapter merely as a means towards the financial inquiry: the monks distinguished. Cf a similar prohibition dated 8 March, 1390, in *Chapters of the Augustinian Canons* (Salter), p 50. In Canterbury Cathedral, Register I, fo 446, there is a writ from the King to the abbots of St. Mary's York and St. Albans, undated, under the title: *Prohibicio domini regis quod presidentes in capitulo generali non compellant nec gravent religiosos de quorum domibus idem dominus rex est fundator*, it is apparently a rather corrupt and confused version of the following document.]

Cambridge University Library, MS. Dd, IX, 38, fo. 2^v (Reading).

⁵ Edwardus etc., dilectis sibi in Christo abbati beate Marie Ebor' et abbati de sancto Albano, et eorum commissariis, salutem. Quia intelleximus quod vos pretextu quarundam bullarum vobis a sede apostolica ut dicitur transmissarum,⁵ de quibuscumque facultatibus et possessionibus, tam temporalium, quam spiritualium, omnium

¹ predictarum F.

² beate Db MF.

³ eadem C.

⁴ nostro om Db R.

⁵⁻⁵ Edwardus—transmissarum] Rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie, dilecto sibi in Christo . . . abbati sancte Marie Salop', salutem. Quia intelleximus quod pretextu quarundam bullarum dilectis nobis in Christo . . . abbati sancte Marie Ebor' et abbati de sancto Albano nuper a sede apostolica ut dicitur transmissarum C. [= No. 192 below].

et singularum domuum religiosorum, tam videlicet de fundacione nostra et progenitorum nostrorum quondam regum Anglie, quam aliorum in regno nostro, arcis inquirere, et dominum summum pontificem de valore et extenta dictarum facultatum et possessionum certificare et informare intenditis ; ad eam ut dicitur intentionem ut in singulis earum domuum certus numerus religiosorum, custodum et ministrorum per dominum summum pontificem et vos ordinetur et constituatur, non obstantibus quibuscumque statutis, consuetudinibus vel libertatibus dictis religiosis vel eorum aliquibus concessis, habitis vel hactenus usitatis ;¹ et quosdam de dictis religiosis ad comparendum coram vobis ea de causa citari fecistis ; et contra eos ad premissa ordinand' et faciend' virtute bullarum predictarum procedere intenditis ;¹ que si fierent, in nostri et corone nostre preiudicium et exheredacionem, ac status, forme et condicionum fundacionum nostrarum et progenitorum nostrorum enervacionem et subversionem, regieque dignitatis nostre derogacionem manfeste redundarent, que tolerare nolumus nec valemus. Nos premissis precavere volentes, ut tenemur, vobis et cuilibet vestrum districte prohibemus, sub periculo quod incumbit,² ne inquisiciones, informaciones vel certificaciones, aut alia quecumque,² que in preiudicium et exeredacionem nostram et corone nostre, seu regie dignitatis nostre derogacionem, iurum, statutorum, consuetudinum, privilegiorum seu libertatum per nos et progenitores nostros confirmatorum, et status et condicionum et³ fundacionum predictarum subversionem vel enervacionem, dictorum ve⁴ religiosorum, et maxime eorum qui de fundacione nostra vel progenitorum nostrorum existunt, depressionem vel depauperacionem cedere poterunt ; aut per que secreta nostra et regni nostri, in nostri et dicti regni nostri ac procerum eiusdem preiudicium, et dictorum religiosorum depauperacionem vel depressionem, detegi poterunt, facere vel attemptare aliqualiter presumatis ; nec dictos religiosos vel eorum aliquem, ex causis predictis, per citaciones, moniciones seu decreta vestra auctoritate papali vel aliquo alio iure fulcita, coram vobis comparere seu interesse per

¹⁻¹ et quosdam—intenditis] vos tanquam . commissarii ipsorum . abbatum, vel per ipsos virtute bullarum predictarum ad hoc deputati, de premissis informaciones, inquisiciones capere, citaciones et certificaciones et diversas ejecuciones in hac parte facere nitimini C.

²⁻² ne inquis — quecumque] ne auctoritate sedis apostolice, vel alia quacumque auctoritate, informaciones, inquisiciones, citaciones et certificaciones, aut alias ejecuciones quascumque super premissis. C.

³ sic R.

⁴ vel R.

se vel per alios quovismodo compellatis ;¹ nec contra citatos huiusmodi ex causis supradictis aliqualiter puniendo vel inquietando procedatis ;¹ nec omnino de redditibus, facultatibus, proventibus seu pensionibus, administracionibus, vel officiis, iuribus, consuetudinibus, libertatibus et privilegiis, vel aliis quibuscumque, ecclesiis, que de fundacione nostra existunt, spectantibus seu pertinentibus, aliqualiter vos intromittatis ; scituri quod si quicquam contra prohibicionem nostram de premissis attemptaveritis, seu per alios attemptari feceritis, ad vos tanquam ad violatores regie dignitatis nostre, et impugnatores iurium corone et dicti regni nostri graviter capiemus.² Teste meipso apud Turrem London' xij die Maii anno regni nostri xij.²

[187. The King orders the abbots of St. Alban's and St. Mary's, York, not to molest the abbots of St. Augustine's, Canterbury, and Faversham, and the priors of Christ Church, Canterbury, Dover, and Rochester, for their non-attendance at the general chapter at Northampton, Wednesday after Trinity [10 June], as he has commanded them to remain for coastal defence against expected attacks from France. 15 May, 1338.
Calendar of Close Rolls, 1337-9, p. 413.]

[188. Certificate and excuse from the prior of Christ Church, Canterbury, in reply to the summons to the first chapter, No. 185 above. 4 June, 1338.]

[Original : parchment 16 x 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ + 1 in. turned up ; seal and attachment missing, but slts remain.]

Canterbury Cathedral, Cartae Antiquae. X, 6.

[Reverendis]³ in Christo patribus et dominis Dei gracia monasteriorum beate Marie Ebor' et sancti Alb[ani..? Lincoln']⁴ dioc'
ab[batibus ordinis sancti]⁴ Benedicti, Ricardus permissione divina
. . prior ecclesie Christi Cantuar'⁵ salutem, et se paratum in
omnibus apostolicis obedire [mandatis.]³ Litteras ex parte vestra

¹⁻¹ nec contra—procedatis] nec ad aliquas citaciones huiusmodi ex causis quibuscumque per vos pretensis aliqualiter gravando vel puniendo procedatis C.

²⁻² Teste meipso apud Turrem London' tercio die Decembris, anno regni nostri Anglie xiiiij⁰, regni vero nostri Francie primo C.

³ faded.

⁴ holes.

⁵ Richard Oxenden, 1331-8.

nuper nobis directas noveritis nos quinto [kal..] ¹ [.....re]² cepisse,
tenorem qui sequitur continentes :

Abbates monasteriorum [etc, gives at length the summons to the first provincial chapter and the papal Bull, No. 185 above].

Verum licet ad diem et locum pro primo capitulo provinciali ut premittitur celebrando per vos assignatis firmiter proposuissemus accessisse ; quia tamen ex gravi infirmitate detenti, ac eciam per adventum reverendorum patrum dominorum Petri sancte Praxedis presbiteri, et Bertrandi sancte Marie in Aquiro dyaconi, sancte Romane ecclesie cardinalium,³ ad civitatem Cantuar' declinancium, quorum unus in monasterio nostro se hospitando collocavit ibidem donec de passagio suo provideatur moraturus, quibus siquidem dominis assistere et pro posse nostro intendere nos oportet prout tenemur ; ex edicto eciam et auctoritate regia nobis arcus est iniunctum, quod cum festinacione cum equis, familia et toto posse nostro ad unum de nostris maneriis mari propinquum ⁴ personaliter accedamus, ad arestandum inimicos domini nostri regis per mare navigantes, qui tam per terras, quam per mare diversa incendia, depredaciones et homicidia iam fecerunt ; sumus ad presens quo dolemus antea prepediti, quod predicti die et loco premisso capitulo una vobiscum celebrando interesse non valemus ; sinceritatem vestram ex intimis deprecamur, quatinus causis superius pretactis, ac per vos si placet benigne consideratis, nos et absenciam nostram favorabiliter habere velitis excusatos ; scituri nos mandatis vestris, immo pocius ut reputamus apostolicis, pro posse firmiter obedire. Datum Cantuarie iiiij^{to} die mensis Iunii anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo octavo.

[189. *Excuse from the prior of Durham, in reply to the summons to the first chapter, No. 185 above [c. June, 1338].*]

*Brit. Mus. MS. Cotton Faustina, A, VI, fo. 28.
Excusacio prioris in capitulo provinciali.*

Venerabilibus in Christo patribus dominis Dei gratia beate Marie Ebor' et sancti Albani Lincolniensis diocesis monasteriorum abbatis, executoribus ad convocabandum singulos abbates et priore-abbates proprios non habentes ac eciam priores cathedralium eccles

¹ faded

² holes.

³ The papal nuncios sent to England in Oct., 1337, to negotiate peace between England and France.

⁴ sic.

siarum seu maiores in ipsis ecclesiis post antistites earundem, ordinis seu religionis nigrorum monachorum in regno Anglie, ad diem et locum per vos eligendos, ac ad celebrandum cum eisdem primum capitulum provinciale, necnon ad puplicandum ac legi et ascultari faciendum statuta et ordinaciones sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri, domini Benedicti divina providencia pape xiij^{mi} de novo ut dicitur edita, a sede apostolica specialiter deputatis, W. prior ecclesie Dunolm'¹, reverenciam et honorem. Mandatum vestrum reverendum per manus magistri Iohannis de Thresk notarii puplici apud Dunolm' xvij^{mo} die Aprilis reverenter recepimus, inter alia continentes infrascripta, videlicet quod x die mensis Iunii proximo futuro in monasterio sancti Andree ordinis sancti Benedicti apud Northampton Lincolnienis diocesis, cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum sequencium, compareamus personaliter, iusto impedimento non detenti, et ad celebrandum vobiscum dictum primum capitulum, et ad audiendum in ipso capitulo puplicationem et lectionem statutorum et ordinacionum² dicti domini nostri summi pontificis, et ad alia faciendum ulterius, quod mandatum apostolicum vobis inde directum exigit et requirit. Verum, patres reverendi, quia confracti senio ac alias propter³ senectutem multos labores et varios, quos pro negotiis monasterii nostri Dunolm' urbem et curiam Romanam vicesies et amplius mare transeundo petentes, et ad eam personaliter accedentes sustinuimus, viribus corporalibus destituti, necnon in visu turbacionem et defectum precipue pacientes, in instanti capitulo provinciali abbatum, priorum et ceterorum prelatorum monachorum Anglie, dicto die x^{mo} mensis Iunii proximo futuro apud Northampton' convocato, ibidem dante Domino celebrando, absque gravi periculo corporis nostri et eciam mortis, ac timore cecitatis perpetue comparere personaliter non valentes; paternitatem vestram reverendam humiliter exhoramus, quatinus absenciam nostram ex causis premissis habere dignemini, si placet, excusatam; per alias enim literas nostras procuratorem constituiimus ad faciendum omnia et singula que in dicto provinciali capitulo fuerint facienda. Valeat vestra reverenda paternitas per tempora feliciter successiva. In cuius rei testimonium etc'.

[there follows: Procuratorum pro eodem ad capitulum predictum.
 < Fiat certificatorium ad diem comparacionis ut in citatorio mandatur added > W. prior of Durham appoints John de Butterwyk,

¹ Will. de Couton, 1323-43.

² corr. from -ionem.

³ for preter?

monk of Durham, proctor for provincial chapter on 10 June; excuses, as above, no date [c. June, 1338].

[190. The King orders the abbots of St. Mary's York, St. Augustine's Canterbury, and Westminster, presidents of the provincial chapter of Black Monks to be held on the Monday after 8 Sept., to excuse the abbot of Peterborough from attendance, as he has been appointed to supervise the levy of the subsidy of a ninth of sheaves, fleece, etc., in the counties of Northampton and Rutland. 3 Sept., 1340. *Calendar of Close Rolls, 1339-41, p. 518.*]

[191. Bull of Pope Benedict XII, containing explanations and declarations of his constitutions for the Black Monks of 1336. 5 Dec., 1340. Printed: Cocquelines, *Bullarium Romanum* (Rome, 1741), III, 288.]

[192. *The abbot of Shrewsbury receives a writ from the King, forbidding him to make inquiry into the revenues of the monasteries, on behalf of the Pope. 26 Dec., 1340.*]

Canterbury Cathedral, Register I, fo. 446v.

Et memorandum quod consimilis¹ prohibicio directa fuit per dominum regem . . abbati Salop' Ly[chefeldensis] diocesis, et eidem tradita per dominum Iohannem le Straunge militem, super cuius tradicione factum fuit quoddam instrumentum publicum formam continens subsequentem :

In Dei nomine Amen. Per presens publicum instrumentum cunctis appareat evidenter, quod anno Domini ab incarnatione eiusdem secundum cursum et computacionem ecclesie Anglicane millesimo CCC^{mo} x^{mo}, indicione nona, mense Decembr', die xxvj^o, circiter horam nonam eiusdem diei, in monasterio sancti Petri Salop' Lichfeldensis dyocesis, in mei notarii publici infrascripti et testium subscriptorum presencia, nobilis vir dominus Iohannes Le Straunge de Middle miles personaliter constitutus, venerabili et religioso viro domino Ade de Clubury² Dei gracia . . abbati dicti monasterii quoddam breve regium tradidit tenorem continens infrascriptum :

¹ This refers to a preceding document in the MS , undated, but apparently a version of No. 186 above, *q.v.*

² abbot, 1332-55. He was acting as commissary of the executors, see p. 14, n. 1.

[*There follows a writ from King Edward III to the abbot of Shrewsbury, dated The Tower of London, 3 Dec., 14 E. III (= 1340) : of similar tenor to No. 186 above : important variations are there given in the footnotes thus : C.]*

Post huiusmodi brevis regii tradicionem, dictus dominus abbas Salop' publice coram ipso legi fecit illud, quo perlecto, prefatus dominus Iohannes Le Straunge super dicto breve a prefato domino . . abbate Salop' peciit responsum, cui dixit et palam protestatus fuit idem dominus . . abbas Salop' se nolle contra dictum breve regium quicquam per se attemptare, seu per alias facere attemptari. Acta sunt hec anno, indiccione, mense, die, hora et loco prenotatis, presentibus domino Willelmo de Fenimere capellano, Iohanne de Worthin, et aliis testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis.

¶ Et ego Hugo de Berewyk clericus Lychefeldensis diocesis publicus auctoritate apostolica notarius, predicti brevis regii traditioni, eiusdemque receptioni, ac eciam lecture, necnon petitioni, responsioni et protestacioni ut premittitur habitis et factis, una cum testibus prenominatis, presens interfui, easque sic fieri vidi et audivi, scripsi, et in hanc publicam formam redigi, signoque meo consueto signavi rogatus.

[193. *The abbot of Westminster, president, asks the prior of Norwich to send his monk, John de Mari, back to Oxford as Regent. 8 Jan. [c. 1340-3].*]

Norwich Registrum X, fo. 179.

Thomas permissione divina abbas monasterii Westmonasterii iuxta London' communi capitulo ordinis nigrorum monachorum Anglicane provincie, una cum reverendis patribus sancti Augustini Cantuar' ¹ et sancte Marie Ebor' monasteriorum . . abbatibus, presidens deputatus, religiosis viris domino . . priori Norwicensi ² et eiusdem loci capitulo, salutem et sancte religionis in Domino votivum incrementum. Ad illos in negotiis arduis promovendis solent preces effundi, qui familiarius et fervencius ad felicem exitum communitatis negotia deducere dinoscuntur, presertim cum inter humane exhibicionis opera, opus precipuum censeatur communitatis bonum debito favore prosequi, et curiosis affectibus eius comoda procurare. Quia ergo prout frequens factorum evidencia declaravit, in vobis erga scolares ordinis nostri studentes Oxonie in variis

¹ Thomas Poucyn, 1334-43.

² Will. de Claxton, 1326-44.

beneficiis per vos eis collatis temporibus diuturnis zelus floruit caritatis: idcirco contra incomoda que in dictorum scolarium studii grave dispendium et iacturam de diebus in dies insurgunt, de vestra benignitate solita animati, per vos remedium consequendi fiduciam reportamus pre ceteris ampliorem, et eo cicias de vestra prudencia circumspecta credimus quod rogamus, quo ecclesiam vestram divina gracia in viris literatis et variis virtutum donis dotatis, inter ceteras ecclesias religionis nostre non modicum insignivit. Quapropter scolarium ordinis nostri Oxonie studencium crebris clamoribus et sedulis nunciis excitati, vestre discretionis providenciam attentis precibus imploramus, quatinus ad communitatis nostre honorem et profectum consideracionis vestre aciem convertentes, magistrum Iohannem de Mari sacre page professorem, ad tocius universitatis Oxonie illuminacionem, et dictorum studencium informacionem, ad studium remittere disponatis. Si enim tantum doctorem, quem solide sciencie profunditas, fame et vite integritas per totam Angliam eminenter extollunt, dictos scolares nostros contigerit informare, nequaquam sub aliorum mendicancium mensis micas indigebunt amplius mendicare; quo tamen incomodo iam percussi, per varias scolas lecciones ordinarias hinc inde querentes, quasi vagi et abiecti et a prelatis suis relictii a quietis nostre emulis reputantur; a quo tamen obprobrio eos et ordinem nostrum in dicti doctoris missione, cum maximo ecclesie vestre honore, si ad presens vobis placuerit, poteritis relevare. Consideretis eciam inter cetera karissimi ordinatum esse in ultimo provinciali capitulo quod si quis de ordine nostro regens fuerit in universitate iam dicta, ipse idem deputabitur prior scolarium eiusdem loci, percipiens ab ipsis scolaribus annuatim quantum dominus papa statuit in suis constitutionibus novellis editis in hac parte. Ad sui honorem ecclesie vestre profectum vos Altissimus protegat et conservet. Scriptum apud Westmonasterium, viij^o die Januarii.¹

¹ There is some difficulty in determining the date of this and the following letter. Thomas Henley was abbot of Westminster Sept., 1333—29 Oct., 1344 (Pearce, *Monks of Westminster*, p. 84): together with the colleagues that he mentions, he presided over the chapter of 1340. Therefore the date of the letter seems to be c. 1340-3. On the other hand, an ordinance about the salary of the regent at Oxford, was passed in the chapter of 1343 (vol. II, p. 23, 56) not 1340. But the letter can hardly have been written after 1343 because (1) Henley had then ceased to be president, and (2) Thomas de Calton, prior of Shrewsbury, had been appointed as regent of the monks at Oxford, in 1343 (vol. II, p. 23). Perhaps the ordinance, passed in 1343, had been brought up in 1340, but not recorded in the *acta*. The letter may have been written before the chapter of 1340.

[194. *The prior of Norwich to the president, agreeing to send John de Mari back to Oxford. 8 June [c. 1340-3].*]

Norwich Registrum X, fo. 179.

Reverendo in Christo patri, domino Thome Dei gracia abbati monasterii Westmonasterii iuxta London' communi capitulo ordinis nigrorum monachorum Anglicane provincie, una cum reverendis patribus sancti Augustini Cantuar' et sancte Marie Ebor' monasteriorum abbatibus presidenti deputato, frater Willelmus prior ecclesie cathedralis Norwicensis et eiusdem loci conventus, honores et reverencias debitas tanto patri. Petencium desideria tanto sunt efficacius exequenda, quanto intimius ex affectu devocationis procedunt, et comoda respiciunt plurimorum. Licet igitur, pater, molestum valde nobis existat magistri Iohannis de Mari carere presencia corporali, ipsum remittentes Oxon' ut petistis, pressertim cum ipsum habeamus in scolasticis doctorem, in infirmitatibus et desolaciis singularem consolatorem, in consiliis et ecclesie nostre negotiis precipuum adiutorem, advertentes tamen profundius communem ordinis utilitatem per vos pretensam, quam bono nostro privato volumus anteponi, ipsum vestri contemplacione rogaminis, [cum tempus advenerit venire ad studium permittemus. Velitis igitur, pater, de eius stipendiis et sumptibus ordinare | iuxta id quod *fo. 179v.* in Benedictinis constitutionibus continetur]. Ad regimen vobis commissi gregis vos conservet diuicius pastor bonus. Scriptum apud Noricum, viij^o die Iunii.¹

[The words within brackets have been struck through, and, as a substitute, the following has been added at the bottom of fo. 179:] circa festum sancti Michaelis proximo futurum ob causam predictam redire Oxon' permittemus, dum tamen per vos provideatur de eius stipendiis et expensis. Ad regimen etc'.

[195. *Richard [de Bury], Bishop of Durham, to the prior of Durham:*

Licet in celebracione capituli vestri provincialis iam instante, cui interesse proponitis, ut accepimus, vestram reputemus presenciam fore quodammodo fructuosam, yet because the Scots threaten invasion, the Bishop, on behalf of the King, forbids the prior to depart extra partes nostras. Auckland, 20 Aug. [1343]. Printed in *Hist. Dunelm. Scriptores Tres* (Surtees Soc., 1839), App. p. cxxix, from *Durham Reg. II*, fo. 116v.

¹ Unless there is a mistake in one of the dates, the prior of Norwich must have taken five months to answer the previous letter.

John [Fosser], prior of Durham, to the abbots of St. Albans, St. Mary's York, and Chester, presidents of the chapter to be held at Northampton, 9 Sept; having to stay at Durham by command of the King, appoints d. John de Beverlaco, S.T.P., sub-prior of Durham, as proctor. Durham, 28 Aug., 1343. Cotton MS. Faustina A, VI, fo. 54^v, and 34^v.]

[196. Bernard of Genebreda, prior of Cluniac priory of Longueville, dioc. Rouen, papal prosecutor for expedition of the constitutions of Benedict XII, to the prelates of the Black Monks in their next provincial chapter of Canterbury and York. He denies untrue rumours that Clement VI has revoked the constitutions of Benedict XII, and recites in full a Bull of Clement VI (Avignon, 1 June, 1342), which merely suspends the spiritual and temporal penalties contained in the constitutions, and absolves those who have incurred them. The letter is attested by a public notary, Odo Benedict, and witnesses, at the Hostel of the Bp. of Valence, 26 Aug., 1343. Printed Wilkins, II, 715 from Durham MS. B, IV, 26, fo. 106.]

[197. *The presidents' commission to a visitor.* 11 Sept. [1343].] *Cambridge Univ. Library, MS. Ee, IV, 20, fo. 50 [Wyntershull, St. Albans].*
Commissio presidencium nigrorum monachorum capituli provincialis abbati de C. ad visitandum omnia monasteria C. diocesis.

Abbates monasteriorum sancti Albani et sancti Wereburge Cestrensis ordinis sancti Benedicti Lincolniensis et Coventrensis et Lichfeldensis diocesum, capitulo provinciali dicti ordinis presidentes, religioso viro abbatii *tali* dicti ordinis *talis* diocesis, salutem et mandatis nostris efficaciter obedire. Cum nos de vestre circumspeditionis industria fiduciam habentes in Domino specialem, in capitulo nostro provinciali quinto idus Septembris proximo preterito cum continuacione dierum tunc sequencium apud Northampton celebrato,¹ omnium monasteriorum et prioratuum *talis* diocesis dicti ordinis et personarum eorundem, dumtamen dictorum monasteriorum et prioratuum abbates et priores in huiusmodi provinciali capitulo dicti ordinis debeant comparere, vos visitatorem, deliberatione super hoc prehabita, ordinaverimus generalem; vobis

¹ The chapter of 1343 met on 9 Sept.

auctoritate qua fungimur in hac parte iniungendo mandamus, quatinus in locis et personis predictis iuxta discretionem vobis a Deo et potestatem a canone attributas, huius¹ visitacionis officium, Deum pre oculis habentes, in omnibus faciendis curetis cum requisita diligentia excercere ; sic ut a Deo de obediencia et a dicto capitulo de optato fructu execucionis vestre valeatis merito collaudari. In cuius rei testimonium sigillo nostro utriusque nostrum patulo presentes fecimus consignari. Datum apud Northampton' iij idus Septembr' anno Domini supradicto.

[198. *Commission from the president (the abbot of St. Albans?) to the abbot of Abingdon, to appoint the prior of students at Oxford. [c. 1343 ?]]*

Cambridge Univ. Library, MS. Ee, IV, 20, fo. 36 [Wyntershull, St. Albans].

Commissio ad ordinandum priorem studencium Oxon'.

Thomas etc'² una cum reverendis patribus sancte Marie Ebor' et sancte Wereburge Cestr' monasteriorum . . abbatibus, communi capitulo ordinis seu religionis nigrorum monachorum provincie Anglicane presidens deputatus, dilecto confratri nostro domino Dei gracia . . abbati de Abyndon' predicti ordinis, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Cum in constitutionibus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini, domini Benedicti divina providencia pape xij ad salubrem statum ordinis seu religionis predicte noviter editis, inter cetera sit contentum, quod presidentes huius capituli provincialis unum . . abbatem seu priorem ipsius ordinis seu religionis generalibus studiis vicinum, ordinent et assignent, qui abbas vel prior monachis studentibus unum de ipsis monachum priorem studencium deputet per unum annum tantummodo duraturum, prout in constitutionibus prelibatis plenius continetur : nosque ad huiusmodi officium presidencie licet indigne assumpti, volentes ea que officio nostro in hac parte incumbunt humiliter adimplere, constitutionibusque predictis reverenter parere, vos tanquam solemppni loco studii universitatis Oxon' proximum et vicinum, ad deputandum

¹ for huiusmodi ?

² The names of the two other presidents, York and Chester, and the absence of York, seem to fix the date as 1343, and the president who writes, as St. Albans : the abbot of St. Albans was then Michael de Mentmore, 1336-49, so that *Thomas* might be a mistake, natural enough, since this Formulary dates from the time of abbot Thomas de la Mare, 1349-96.

. . priorem studencium huiusmodi quem potentem opere et sermone ex ipsis studentibus esse credideritis | et exempli ducatu, ordinamus pariter et assignamus, vobisque auctoritate qua fungimur et auctoritate compresidentis nostri . . abbatis Cestr', dicto domino . . abbatte sancte Marie Ebor' se legittime excusante, nobis in hac parte commissa, firmiter iniungendo mandamus, quatinus huiusmodi priorem dictorum studencium in universitate predicta secundum vim, formam et effectum constitutionum predictarum celeriter deputetis, ne eisdem monachis in studio morantibus, eo quod absunt ab eorum cenobiis, regularis desit gubernaculum discipline. In cuius etc'. Datum etc'.

[199. *Commission from the abbot of Chester, president, to his colleague, St. Albans, to proceed to business, in his absence, in connexion with the maintenance of students at Oxford [c. 1346-60?].*]

*Cambridge Univ. Library, MS. Ee, IV, 20, fo. 50v.
Commissio presidentis unius provincialis capituli de procedendo in quibusdam negotiis sua absencia non obstante.*

Venerabili in Christo patri ac¹ domino Dei gracia abbati monasterii sancti Albani ordinis sancti Benedicti, nigrorumque monachorum Anglicane provincie una cum venerabilibus similiter patre domino eadem gratia abbatte monasterii Rameseye² atque nobis, presidenti capitulo generali, devotus vester in hac parte collega abbas monasterii sancte Welburge Cestrensis, mutuam in Domino caritatem. Variis et arduis nostri monasterii sollicitudinibus aliis necnon circumstanciis urgentissimis occupati, quominus ad infra-scripta negotia vacare interim tempore debito possumus cum effectu, ad monendum et efficaciter inducendum prelatos nostri ordinis de et pro personis ydoneis eligendis ad studiumque generale mittendis et continuaturis ibidem, necnon ordinandum, statuendum et pronunciandum super quibuscumque articulis huiusmodi negotia concernentibus,³ iuxta vim, formam et effectum constitutionum⁴ felicis recordacionis domini Benedicti pape xii super hoc editarum, aliarumque ordinacionum prefati nostri capituli generalis, vobis de cuius discrecione atque zelo religionis eiusdem firmam in Domino

¹ *interlin.*

² Rob. de Nassington, 1343-9 or Rich. de Shenungdon, 1349-79

³ cf. the statutes of 1363, vol. II, p. 76 ff., above, and No. 204, below.

⁴ *corr. from contestacionum?*

noticiam optinemus, committimus vices nostras cum cuiuslibet cohercionis canonice in hac parte pertinente ad nos omnimoda potestate, cordetenus vos rogantes, quatenus huiusmodi negotia prosequi dignemini cum effectu, ad nostri prefati ordinis et sancte matris ecclesie commodum et honorem. Datum etc'.

[200. *A complaint to the abbot of Glastonbury concerning the prior studencium and Gloucester College Oxford [c. Jan., 1356].*¹]

Brit. Mus. MS. Arundel 2, fo. 25^v [Glastonbury].

Litera missa domino abbati per fratrem Radulfum de Otteford' monachum.¹

Reverendo in Christo patri domino . . Waltero Dei permissione abbati monasterii sancte Marie Glaston', frater Radulfus de Otteforde,² quondam vester pugil, modo vero pusillus, debitam reverenciam et sui ipsius licet indigni recommendacionem. Reverende pater, gracias vobis referre debeo, quas possum, de vestra antiqua amicicia et benevolencia prius michi exhibita, et posterius retenta, qua eciam me talem indignum tocens per vestros confratres monachos recommendare seu vestra salutacione dignum deputare voluistis, et utinam talia caritatis vestre vel affectionis indicia apud vos aliquando promeruisse, vel saltem aliquo modo valeam in futurum. Ceterum domine, vestram paternitatem scire deposco, quod cum per aliquot annos ex causa fuerimus absentes a scolis, iam hoc anno redeuntes exclusi sumus a camera nostra per dominum Walterum priorem loci communis, qui eam preoccupavit: quam quidem cameram, ut bene scitis, titulo donacionis presidencium possedimus ab antiquo, cuius tituli copiam vobis si placet inspicendam transmitto: ex quo patere vobis potest dispositionem loci de Stokwell' seu domorum ibidem penes presidentes generalis capituli, non penes priorem loci pertinere. Idcirco vestram paternam amiciciam fiducialiter deprecor, quatinus vestro consilio et auxilio, que in hac parte multum valere possunt, apud dominum abbatem de Malmesbury et predictum Walterum priorem loci pro restitucione camere nostre, si iustum vobis videatur, insistere dignemini intuitu caritatis. Valeat vestra paterna sanctitas etc'.

¹ left margin, in another hand: Nota pro cameris in collegio Glouc' Oxon' in Stokwellstrette ibidem

² a monk of St. Augustine's Canterbury, cf. M R. James, *Ancient Libraries of Canterbury and Dover*, p. 300, No. 975.

[201. *The abbot of Glastonbury to the prior studencium, concerning the complaint in No. 200 [c. Jan., 1356].*]

Brit. Mus. M.S. Arundel 2, fo. 25^v [Glastonbury].

Responsio abbatis super eadem directa fratri Waltero de Cham' ¹ priori loci de Stocwell'.

Salutem et fraternalm in Domino caritatem. Amantissime frater, et amice carissime, circumspectam vestram prudenciam qualiter disposicio loci de Stokwell' et domorum ibidem non ad priorem loci eiusdem, verum eciam ad presidentes capituli generalis pertinere dinoscitur, credimus non latere. Hinc est, predilecte frater, quod quidam sociorum nostrorum Cantuar', qui licet per aliquot annos annos ex certis causis a scolis se absentaverunt, presenti tamen anno ad studium Deo disponente redeuntes, et libenter studere volentes pacifice et quiete, per vos absque causa racionabili multipliciter inquietati, et ut dicemus a studio perturbati, necnon a camera eorum ibidem, quam ab antiquo sicut scitis titulo concessionis presiden- cium antea optimuerant, exclusi existunt minus iuste in eorum status et honestatis lesionem, eorumque tranquillitatis et pacis inquietacionem, ac quod deterius est, studii perturbationem, virtuperium, dampnum eciam non modicum et gravamen. Quapropter fraternalm vestram amiciam, de qua fiduciam in Domino gerimus specialem, affectuosissime requirimus et rogamus, quatinus ab inquietacionibus et perturbationibus huiusmodi versus eosdem et alios quoscumque de ordine nostro ibidem de cetero desistentes, eosque in studio pacifico proficere libere permittentes, cameram eorum tam caritatis et fraterne dilectionis intuitu, quam nostri rogaminis si placet interventu, incessanter restituere velitis: considerantes quod tam retroactis temporibus, quam modernis, discordies et discordie ordinem nostrum intollerabiliter denigrarunt. Et precarissime frater, nova non incipere, set consueta permittere, rebus ut nunc inconcusse et illese se habentibus, vobis sufficeret, ut nobis videtur: ne in loco pacifico inter pacis filios vestris temporibus pacis neverca vigere, quod absit, permittatur. Scituri pro constanti, quod dicta gravamina illicita ad presens eo gravius ponderamus, quo per successus temporum propter sufferenciam premissorum nobis et nostris grave preiudicium generari posset infuturum. Insuper si eosdem et alios ab eorum cameris ibidem sic poteritis excludere, pari ratione ab aula, capella, et a toto loco

¹ afterwards abbot of Malmesbury, 1360-96?

ibidem, quod toti religioni nostre esset inconveniens. Intelligentes preterea quod nisi dicta gravamina precibus et amore sanari poterint, ut optamus, iuris remedium tam nos quam ceteri de ordine nostro, ut tenemur, procurare speramus. Semper in Domino valete. Scriptum Glaston' etc'. Per abbatem Glaston'.

[202. *The abbot of Glastonbury to a monk student at Oxford [c. June-Aug. 1357].*]

Brit. Mus. MS. Arundel 2, fo. 31^v [Glastonbury].
Filio nostro carissimo fratri Willelmo Middenhull.

Cum Ihesu Christi et nostra benedictione salutem. Fili carissime, de domino episcopo, de quo nobis misisti, et de negocio nostro penes eum nichil ad presens ex causa. De sociis nostris¹ ad nos hac vice venientibus, videlicet de fratre Willelmo Souch et fratre Vincencio, aliud scribere nescimus, nisi quod festinanter et sine mora certis de causis ad domum veniant, rebus eorum in certa custodia dimissis, pro quibus mittimus vecturam. Set quia pro Schirborn' vecturam non habemus, sibi provideat usque Asschebur'. Et de Asshburi' usque Glastoniā, vecturam inveniet in manerīis competentem. Constituciones innovatas, sive de novo per dominum papam confirmatas et approbatas,² una cum competenti instructore pro anno futuro in primitivis per concilium magistri Walteri Moryn libenter habere vellemus, necnon et materias habiles in moribus, in literatura, et cantu ad monachandum. Unde tangere poteris magistro Thome Staundon' vel aliis habilibus, si monachari voluerint, secrecius quo sciveris; non tamen per nos, set quasi³ ex capite proprio, quia si nostram scirent voluntatem, difficiliores se redderent, quod nollemus. Ad Deum. Per [. . . .]

¹? *for vestris*

² perhaps the Constitutions of Benedict XII in 1336, or his declaratory Bull of 1340, or the chapter Statutes of 1343?

³ *interlin*

[203. *The prior of Norwich explains to the prior of students at Oxford that he cannot yet send Adam Easton back to incept at Oxford, as he is needed at Norwich to help with the preaching and in silencing the Mendicants. [c. 1357-63?].*

Bodleian, MS. Bodley 692, fo. 116.¹

Per humiles vestros priorem² et conventum Norwyci

Reverencias et honores tantis patribus debitos cum omni promptitudine complacendi. Ex tenore literarum vestrarum reverendarum concepimus deplorabilem infertilitatem liberorum matris universitatis Oxon' studencium, adeo, ut asseritis, quod vix de toto ordine nigrorum monachorum reperiantur tres bacularii insistentes studio theologico tempore iam instanti; inter quos vestra bonitas gratisima confratrem nostrum et vestrum consocium Adam de Eston' reputat seniorem, et ex milicia laboris scolastici cursu studioso proximiorem ad bravium doctorale; pro quo ex sinceris affectibus nobis supplicastis, ut eundem ad maternum gremium scolasticum, unde illum ex causa ad tantillum temporis revocavimus, anno proximo futuro remittere et effectualiter restituere curaremus. Sane reverendi patres et domini, summis desideriis peroptamus votis vestris annuere ut debemus, si causis subscriptis minime impediremur; quoniam ab olim in ecclesia nostra cathedrali, in tanta civitate et patria populosa situata, fuerat usitatum quamplures sermones verbi divini per tempora distincta populo predicari, et hoc onus precedentibus precibus et donis, licet cum difficultate, a fratribus men|dicantibus, nostri ordinis, quin verius omnium ecclesiasticorum emulis, ora detractoria plerique laxantibus, fuerat ocupatum. Nos vero unanimi deliberacione considerantes huiusmodi predica-

¹ This is a late copy (XV c.), from the Note-Book of John Lawerne, monk of Worcester. Both Easton and Thomas de Brinton (monks of Norwich) were probably at Oxford, c. 1356-7, when they journeyed home to Norwich to preach (Norwich Communarius Rolls), and Easton went back to Oxford with his books, c. 1362-3 (*Ibid.*). In any case this letter must be before 1364, when Brinton was made proctor at the Curia (No. 211). As regards Adam Easton's career: c. 1365-6 he incepted (contribution, Norwich Camera Prioris Roll); 1366 prior studentum at Oxford (No. 218 below); 3 May, 1368, sent from Pope to Edward III (Cal. papal letters, IV, 27); 27 May, 1370, at Court of Rome (Foxe, *Acta and Monuments*, ed. Pratt, II, 935); perhaps succeeded Brinton as proctor in curia c. 1373; c. 1376 wrote No. 229, below; 1381, Cardinal; 1383, procured Bull (No. 233, cf. 241), and perhaps intervened in Tymworth-Bromfield case (*Mem. of St Edmund's* (R.S.), III, 135); 1385 imprisoned and deprived; 1389 reinstated; ob 1398.

² Nicholas de Hoo, 1357-82.

ciones in propria ecclesia a fratribus ocupatas nobis cedere ad dedicus et iacturam, decrevimus omnes fratres penitus excludere, et onus illud laboriosum confratribus nostris imponere curavimus hucusque. Set cum illa messis sit laboriosa et multa, operarii quidem nostri fatigati et pauci, necesse duximus dictum confratrem nostrum, tanquam prepositum subtilem et sciolum messoribus sic fatigatis preponere, ne manupuli verbi Dei in fasciculos collecti inter mordaces invidos et ora loquencium iniqua incaucus seminentur ; qui quidem eciam¹ confrater noster insurgencium ex adverso ora detractoria contunderet et silencium imponeret Saduceis. Mote namque fuerant materie contra sane doctrine iustiam et ecclesie libertatem per quosdam fratres, quos per veram doctrinam a devio refrenavit, et in brevi, Deo dante, penitus conculcabit ; nam benedictus Altissimus eius doctrina in clero et populo precipuo floret favore. Si eius igitur absencia pateat in recenti, timemus quod concito exurgent tanquam mures de cavernis, nec superest de nostris qui eis resistat sapiencia vel doctrina, set suas superbe dilatabunt fimbrias in immensum. Eapropter ne predicta vel hiis deteriora contingent, nobis videtur necessarium, vel confratrem nostrum Thomam de Brinton' revocare, vel predictum confratrem nostrum Adam ad modicum retinere. Cupimus etenim utrosque ad apicem doctoratus exaltare celeriter, Deo disponente, vestris intervenientibus auxiliis graciosis. Hiis et aliis omnino necessariis placeat reverende paternitati vestre et dominacioni tocius comitive venerabilis nos habere favorabiliter excusatos. Perhorrescimus utique, Deus novit, tantam comitivam offendere, seu tantum florem ordinis congregatum quovismodo ficticiis obfuscare. Ad universalis ecclesie exaltacionem et tocius ordinis honorem precipuum actus vestros scolasticos illustret Sapiencia Dei patris.

Amen

Venerabilibus patribus et dominis priori et toti comitive nigrorum in Oxon' studencium monachorum.

[204. *The abbot of Glastonbury suggests statutes for the government of the monk-students. 18[?] Sept. [1360].*]

Brit. Mus. MS. Arundel 2, fo. 52v [Glastonbury].
Fratri Willelmo Nye studenti Oxon'.

Cum Ihesu Christi et nostra benedicione salutem. Fili carissime, solite infirmitatis gravati vestigiis, ad presens capitulum venire

¹ *interlin.*

nequimus, quapropter procuratorem nostrum fratrem Iohannem Seen¹ illuc mittimus pleniter informatum. Et quia filii predilecti, non tantum ordinis, sed etiam studencium affectamus honorem, dicere velitis vice nostra fratri Rogero Southereye,² quem bonum pariter reputamus et gravem, quod ipse suum abbatem excitet ad subscripta, videlicet quod studentes idoneum priorem habeant de studentibus et nullo modo doctorem, qui prior omni mense capitulum teneat pro ordinis reformacione, et ut negligentes et minus bene studentes per dictum priorem corripiantur, et si se non correxerint, debita correpcione prehabita per eundem ad claustra mittantur. Item quod prior et sex electi per comitivam de expensis comitive et communis ac aliis comitivam tangentibus ordinent et disponant, quia dedecus est et grave, quod religiosi qui temperate et moderate tenentur vivere, in expensis victualium divites et promotos excedant. Item quod studentes ad modum fratrum communiter latinum loquantur. Item quod iuvenes hospicia scolarium et maxime laicorum, nisi de licencia prioris et cum³ monacho comite ingrediantur. Item quod inceptores constitutionibus Benedictinis se omnino conforment. Ceterum carissime, mittimus ad vos duos confratrum nostrorum, videlicet Iohannem Langge et I. de Luccomb', quos vobis volumus in omnibus tanquam nobis in studio obedire, quorum etiam curam tam anime quam corporis vobis committimus per presentes, iniungentes insuper quod sic regantur, ut in studio proficiant et in religione. Dicetis etiam ex parte nostra, quod frater W. Middenhill' celeriter visis istis cum pannis ad nos redeat una cum fratre Roberto Samborne consorte suo, rebus tamen eiusdem Roberti in studio dimissis, quia infra breve ad studium erit reversurus. Semper valete in Filio virginis gloriose. Scriptum Glastonie xvij^o die Septembris.⁴ Per abbatem.

[205. *The abbot of Glastonbury to a monk-student [c. Nov., 1360].*]

Brit. Mus. MS. Arundel 2, fo. 57.

Fratri Willmo Nye studenti Oxon'.

Fili et frater karissime, quamvis alias tibi scripsimus, et confratribus nostris in studio comorantibus ore tenus iniunximus, quod in

¹ proctor for the chapter, 14 Sept.; cf. below, part IV, p. 201.

² Perhaps a monk of St. Albans (cf. Simon Southereye): his abbot would thus be one of the presidents. The statutes of 1363 (No. 157) dealt with the monk-students, perhaps owing to these suggestions

³ *interlin.* ⁴ *sic;* for 8 Sept.? The chapter was to be on 14 Sept.

omnibus religionem et doctrinam eorum concernentibus tue starent ordinacioni et humiliter obedirent; nunc magis specialiter et distincte sicut prius eisdem iniungimus, quod tibi tamquam nobis in predictis et maxime in eorum confessionibus obedient reverenter: adientes quod fratres Iohannes Luccombe et Robertus Sambourn' tibi confiteantur et nulli alteri nisi de tua licencia speciali. Insuper fratribus Iohanni Luccombe et Roberto Sambourn' firmiter iniungimus, quod ianuam ad spaciendum ad villam, domos laicorum, scolarium vel religiosorum visitandum non exeant nisi a te pecierint et optimuerint licenciam, et hoc cum comitiva honesta. Item predictis fratribus specialiter iniungimus, quod ieunia regularia in adventu, septuagesima, quadragesima et ceteris temporibus anni devote observent, nec aliter facere videantur, nisi de tua licencia petita et optenta. Item predictis Iohanni et Roberto iniungimus, quod cenas et commessaciones in suis cameris nec aliorum teneant vel habeant cum monachis alterius claustrum nec excessivas vigilias quovismodo. Item quod predicti Iohannes et Robertus magistrum vel magistros suos habeant, si magistro vel magistris indiguerint, ad eos venientes, ita quod predicti fratres colore magistri vel magistrorum vagandi non habeant colorem. Item quod dicti fratres more debito missas suas celebrent, in disputacionibus et in aliis scole excerciciis mature se habeant, in vestura et alio apparatu, in verbis, in gestu et omnibus aliis statum eorum concernentibus maturitatem ostendant: et si aliter contingat, quod absit, tue correccióni dictos fratres volumus obedire. Et tibi precipimus, quod in omnium fratrum tuorum correctione in studio commorancium, sic te habere studeas, ut vicia extirpentur, mores laudabiles et virtutes plantentur. Valete cum benedictione paterna. Scriptum Glastonie.

Per abbatem.

[206. *The abbot of Glastonbury to two monk-students [c. Dec. 1360-June, 1361].*]

Brit. Mus. MS. Arundel 2, fo. 54.

Litera domini abbatis directa fratribus Iohanni Luckcombe et Roberto Samborn' studentibus Oxon'.

Relatu multorum ad nostrum pervenit auditum, quod vos fratres Iohannes Luckcombe et Robertus Samborn', spretis et reiectis gubernaculo discipline et maiorum preceptis, in garennis prohibitis discurrere, venare et piscare minime pepercistis, in scandalum studencium et ordinis inauditum, et nostram solitudinem inpendere

diligenter tenemur, ut hii fratres et filii qui se Christo celebri vinculo desponderunt, caveant ab illicitis, honestis adhereant et licitis intendant. Quapropter vobis duobus, Iohanni Luckcombe et Roberto Samborn' firmiter iniungimus, ut visis istis ad nos festinetis, rebus vestris in salva dimissis custodia, quoisque congruum nobis super premissis dederitis responsum. Fratribus Willelmo Neye et Iohanni Lange non scribimus hac vice, quia nobis secundum quod eis iniunximus, scribere dimiserunt. Quorum inobedientia non erit diu, vita et sanitate comitibus, inpunita, ut timeant inobedientiam, qui tenentur obediare. Valete in Domino. Per . . abbatem.

[**207.** *The abbot of St. Albans, president, recites the appointment of the abbot of Chertsey as visitor, in the chapter of 1360. 17 March, 1363.]*

*Cambridge Univ. Library, MS. Ee, IV, 20, fo. 51.
Litera patens presidentium provincialis capituli de potestate visitator[is] per eosdem deputat[i].*

Pateat universis per presentes quod nuper in communi sive in provinciali capitulo per abbates et priores abbates proprios non habentes ordinis¹ religionis monachorum nigrorum Anglicane provincie in prioratu nigrorum monachorum sancti Andree Northampton' die lune proximo post festum nativitatis beate Marie anno Domini millesimo CCC^{mō} lx^{mō}, coram nobis Thoma² et Ricardo³ permissione divina abbatibus monasteriorum sancti Albani et sancte Wereburge Cestr' sedi apostolice inmediate subiect' Lincolnensis, Coventrensis et Lichfeldensis diocesum, dicto capitulo presidentibus, reverendus et religiosus vir dominus abbas de Chertesey⁴ ordinis sancti Benedicti ad visitandum singulas abbathias et prioratus proprios abbates non optinentes ordinis seu⁵ religionis monachorum predictorum, ac eciam monialium, infra fines et limites Cantuariensis et Roffensis diocesum existentes, necnon ad faciendum, exercendum et expediendum omnia et singula, que in hac parte dictaverint canonice sancciones, rite et legitime extitit deputatus. In cuius rei testimonium nos abbas dicti monasterii sancti Albani sigillum nostrum fecimus hiis apponi. Datum apud

¹ *seu seems needed.*

² Tho. de la Mare, 1349-96. ³ Rich Seynesbury, 1349-63.

⁴ John de Benham, 1346-61, probably this letter was to enable his successor, W. de Clyve, 1361-70, to carry out the visitation: cf. p. 230, No. 339A below.

⁵ *interlin.*

sanctum Albanum septimo decimo die mensis Marcii anno Domini millesimo CCC^{mo} lxii^o.

[208. *The abbot of St. Albans, sole president, orders the diffinitors appointed in the chapter of 1363, to proceed with their work of diffinition [c. Sept., 1363 ?].*]

Cambridge Univ. Library, MS. Ee, IV, 20, fo. 51.

Commissio presidentis capituli provincialis diversis diffinitoribus eiusdem.

Abbas monasterii sancti Albani ordinis sancti Benedicti Lincolniensis diocesis ad Romanam ecclesiam nullo medio pertinentis, communis sive provinciali capitulo nigrorum monachorum dicti ordinis die lune proximo post festum nativitatis beate Marie anno Domini millesimo CCC^{mo} lxij cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum sequencium in capella beate Marie virginis infra ecclesiam conventualem monasterii sancti Andree Northampton' celebrato presidens unicus, reverendis et discretis viris dominis monasteriorum de Glovernaria,¹ de Thorneye,² de Malmesbury³ abbatibus, dominisque monasteriorum de Coventre,⁴ de Roffa⁵ prioribus, ac eciam domino Utredo monacho Dunelmie, sacre page professori, salutem in amplexibus Salvatoris. Cum consideratis vestre circumspectionis industria et conscientie puritate, coram nobis in capitulo predicto de consensu prelatorum dicti ordinis conveniencium in eodem, vos diffinidores omnium articulorum statum eiusdem ordinis concernencium, in cedulis vobis per nos porrectis plenius contentorum, fueritis et sitis auctoritate qua fungimur in hac parte rite et legitime deputati, vobis auctoritate predicta firmiter iniungimus et mandamus, quatinus ad examinandum, discuciendum et diffiniendum articulos huiusmodi, iuxta discretionem vobis a Deo datam, et commissam in hac parte prout permittitur potestatem, celerius quo poteritis procedatis, diffiniciones vestras super dictis articulis, expedito negocio huiusmodi, per nos, prout iustum visum fuerit, dante Domino, approbandas, nobis pro loco et tempore oportuno debite referentes.⁶ Datum etc'.

¹ Thomas de Horton, 1351-77

² Will de Haddon, 1346-65.

³ Walter Camme, 1360-96?

⁴ Will de Greneburgh, 1361-90.

⁵ John de Hartlepe, 1361-80.

⁶ It is not certain whether these diffinitors were responsible for the important statutes of 1363, above, vol II, p. 64, or merely for some lesser, ephemeral diffinitions.

NOTE ON THE VISITATIONS OF ABBOT THOMAS DE LA MARE.
c. 1362-6 (Nos. 209, 210, 221).

There is a serious gap in the records of the chapters between 1346 and 1360. It is obvious that there cannot have been a normal sequence of triennial chapters in a period of fourteen years: no doubt the Black Death was responsible for some disorganization¹. All three presidents of 1346, St. Albans, Chester, and Ramsey, died in the year 1349. According to the *Gesta Abbatum*, Abbot Thomas de la Mare of St. Albans succeeded his predecessor as president, in the third year of his rule (1351-2), by definite appointment, which may point to a chapter held in that year.² He showed great energy as president, and he may have been mainly responsible for keeping the chapters alive during this difficult period. After a few years he was commissioned by King Edward III *ad reformandam religionem pene collapsam in magnis monasteriis pertinentibus regis adocationi*³. Accordingly he visited (a) Eynsham, where he "wonderfully reformed" religious observance; (b) Abingdon, and (c) Battle, where he removed certain abuses and customs contrary to the rule; (d) Reading, where some monks who had conspired against the abbot were sent, some to the cells of Reading, others to St Albans, for penance and reform; (e) at the request of the King and the Prince of Wales,⁴ he visited Chester, "not fearing the atrocity and inconstancy of the Welsh race," and compelled the vicious and "dilapidating" abbot, Richard de Seynesbyry, to resign, appointing another abbot with the consent of the bishop and the monks; here, too, monks were temporarily transplanted to St. Albans, to be properly trained in regular observance; (f) he went to Bury St. Edmunds, but did not make a formal visitation. No date is given in the *Gesta Abbatum* for these visitations, but it follows the account of the struggle with Christ Church, Canterbury, c. 1360-6 [cf. No. 217 below]. A few documents apparently connected with this visitation survive.

It seems likely that we have a sequel to de la Mare's visitation of Eynsham, in No. 209 below. The MS., Durham Misc. 5665, consists of a paper roll of 3 sheets, sewn together, the first sheet 11 $\frac{1}{5}$ in. wide by about 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. long, the second 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. x 11 in., the third 12 in. x 18 in. The beginning of roll is torn away and missing. The last sheet has a watermark, a pair of scales. On the blank part of the verso of the roll there are the traces, apparently, of a seal of red wax, of diameter 1 in. There are the following endorsements, both in a later (xv-xvi cent.) hand:

- (i) [43 struck through] 10 [interlin] pa^a 2^e longe ciste.
- (ii) 1^a 2^e ciste 43 Comporta in visitacione ordinis nostri. 1^a 2^e ciste.

¹ cf. the effects of pestilence later, probably in 1369, p. 70, below.

² *Gesta Abbatum Mon. S. Albani* (Rolls Series, 1867), II, 402.

³ *Gesta Abbatum*, II, 405-6.

⁴ cf. p. 161, below.

The expression *visitacio ordinis nostri* and the pressmarks imply a connection with the Provincial Chapter and its visitations (cf. Nos. 222, 236).

The document contains the answers of an abbot to 71 articles, of which i-iii and xxx-xxxiii are lost; these articles were evidently based on the *comporta* and *detecta* of the visitation. Internal evidence shows that the abbey in question was Eynsham (e.g. art. ix), and that the date was after 1363, for the accounts of that year are quoted (art. xiii), and before the death of Abp. Islip in April, 1366 (art. ix). The date of this document therefore seems to be c. 1363-6: the actual visitation may, of course, have begun earlier. The abbot was Geoffrey of Lambourn (1351-88).¹ Whatever the justice or injustice of his defence, he was certainly capable of repartee: e.g. art. xxxix, xl, lxxi. Judging from the language of the *Gesta Abbatum*, de la Mare dealt comparatively mildly with Eynsham. The whole of this document is full of interesting information.

With regard to Chester: "In 1362, about the feast of the Annunciation, the abbot of St. Albans, provincial president of the Benedictines, the prior of Coventry, and the superior [sic, for sub-prior?] of St. Albans visited Chester Abbey as commissioners appointed by the abbot of Evesham [this is obscure]. In consequence of this visitation, Richard de Seynesbury, who (according to the chronicle) was fearful of a scrutiny into his offences and excessive dilapidations, resigned his abbacy into the hands of the Pope, as the abbey, being an exempt, was under the papal protection." So Ormerod, *History of Cheshire* (1882), I, 253, on the authority of "Extracts from an ancient Chronicle, Cowper's MSS."² This is confirmed by two entries in the Lichfield Episcopal Register: a Bull of provision of Thomas de Newport to the abbey of Chester, on the resignation of Richard, last abbot, by proxy, at the apostolic see, 3 March, 1363; and the Bishop's mandate for installation, 27 Sept., 1363 (*William Salt Soc.*, N.S. x (ii), p. 162). It may be noted that Richard de Seynesbury was one of the Presidents at the time of his deposition. He had perhaps more or less automatically succeeded his predecessor, William de Bebington (1324-49), who was president in 1343 and 1346.

No. 221 is evidently a sequel to de la Mare's visitation of Battle. It occurs in the MS. among documents of c. 1365-7. The language of the letter suggests that it was written by abbot Hamo of Offynton, soon after his accession in 1364, and, perhaps, that the troubles and the visitation had taken place in the time of his predecessor.

No. 210 is evidently connected with de la Mare's visitation of Reading.

¹ The reign of his predecessor had been violently disturbed: Salter, *Cartulary of Eynsham* (*Oxford Hist. Soc.*, XLIX), I, pp. xxiv-xxvi.

² Perhaps from the Cowper MSS. at Oveleigh, or at Condover Hall, Salop (*Hist. MSS. Comm. Report V*, pt. I, 338).

[209. The abbot's answers to a series of articles, at a visitation of Eynsham [c. 1363-6].]

Durham Misc. Ch. 5665.

[sheet I, recto]

[.] iam tarde magnis dicit [.] Quo ad stupra et adulteria nescit
quicquam set si sciantur [.] pecunie ut continuet amiciciam
suam [.] in aliis subvenit tantum pauperibus [.]
.] cuidam Iohanni Chamberlayn et uxori sue ad
terminum vite eorum quandam placeam iuxta [.]
.] et uxori sue simili modo quo supra
quandam aliam placeam pro redditu augmenta[.]
.] mortui sunt in pestilencia prima. Dictus
predecessor tradidit predicta loca aliis tenentibus [.]
.] occupat unum pro certo redditu per ⁱ rotulum
curie ad terminum vite, ut moris est, qui non potest amoveri de
consuetudine dominii. Aliud [.] de consensu capituli sub sigillo eorum communi concessum cuidam
Isabelle Charyngworthe corrodierie. Dicti tenentes sunt bone
fame et bone opin[ionis ?] hoc offerunt
[se ?] probaturos.

De eo quod equi operariorum stabulantur in ecclesia, hoc processit ex malicia, cum in monasterio sint diversa stabula equis sacriste; et stabulum commune equis operariorum eorum potest sufficere. Processit eciam ex malicia, quod dicti operarii in ecclesia comedebant, dormiebant et bibeant, cum² plura alia loca sint sub custodia sacriste, videlicet camera ultra porticum ecclesie, tria campanilia, et alia loca in quibus ceram, utensilia et alia ad officium pertinencia salvo potuit custodisse, et operarii comedisse, bibisse et dormuisse. Et si peccatum fuisset perpetratum, hoc per sacristam, cum erant alia loca in diversorio.³

.v.⁴ Ad quintum dicit quod in parte continet falsitatem, pro eo quod de mirremio, quantum indiguit pro reparacione ecclesie, de bosco nuncupato le ffryth et gardino pro parte habuit ex liberacione abbatis, et eciam victum de celario et coquina abbatis pro

¹ pro MS.

² pla . struck through.

³ cf. Luc. II, 7 (1)

⁴ These numbers are in the original, except where printed in brackets.

suis operariis, quod bene patet in expensis communibus monasterii. Dicit eciam quod redditus circiter x marcarum Oxon', ultra quod habuit ab antiquo ibidem ex permissione abbatis, habet ad dictum officium in hoc instanti anno et aliis precedentibus annis. Habuit eciam ultra consuetum legata monasterio, videlicet x marcas de magistro Willelmo Doune,¹ ac eciam blada et alia abbati legata, quod si² redditus ad dictum officium iam pertinentes sint insufficientes pro reparacione dicte ecclesie,³ hoc non est inputandum abbati, set pestilencias et aliis casibus fortuitis. Verumptamen idem abbas cum consilio seniorum conventus ordinabit et faciet, ut ecclesia debite reparetur, et alia onera dicto officio incumbencia debite supportentur, quatenus facultates monasterii aliis oneribus supportatis sufficere, si et qua[m cito ?] operarii inveniri poterunt.

.vj. Ad sextum dicit quod consuetudine monasterii palefrido sacriste pro monachis exeuntibus deputato, de feno ministratur per custodem grangie; pro equis autem suis carrectar[iis], si quos habet, quod non oportet nec expedit, provideat, si de feno [expedierit ?], certas parcellas prati, quas habet per sortem in communibus pratis officio pertinentes, et eciam decimam feni de Borlee, et de illis pascat dictos equos et non in [cimi]terio; iam sibi prohibitum fuit per abbatem, et hoc prohibet in presenti, cum non indigeat, nisi ex malicia.

.vij. Ad istum dicit quod quatenus redditus predicti se extendunt, providit abbas infirmis iuxta numerum eorundem de esculentis et poculentis [et m]edicinis. Dicit eciam quod redditus infirmarie assignati assignabuntur⁴ conventui,⁵ et hoc idem optulit ante visitacionem pro fratribus iam in conventu existentibus, et quod eis ex huiusmodi [.] ministretur, sicut ante tempora ista ministrabatur in esculentis et poculentis et medicinalibus. Placet eciam eidem quod conventus provideat sibi de [? servito-]ribus pro dicto officio, et abbas faciet illis ministrari, sicut per antea ministrabatur.

.viii. Ad⁶ primam partem articuli dicit quod secundum quod facultates monasterii suppetunt in presenti, eis ministratur. Abbas tamen pro bono pacis dixit ante vi[sitionem] conventui in casu quo nimis ministraretur exiliter eisdem pro camera et coquina,

¹ For the will of Master W. Doune (ob. 1361), see *Archaeological Journal*, 1915, p. 233 ff., esp. pp. 259, 270, 274.

² casibus fortuitis struck through.

³ sint struck through.

⁵ interlin.

⁴ altered from assigmentur.

⁶ istum dicit struck through.

quod consulerent adinvicem super premissis et racionabilem augmentacionem pet[erent secundum?] facultates monasterii, et abbas eis concederet pro rato numero personarum. Quod si oporteat dictas porciones coquine et camere augere, hoc faciet quate[nus] facultates monasterii sufficiunt, aliis supportatis oneribus, de consilio domini patroni sui et diocesan[i].¹ Quo ad secundam partem dicit quod sing[ulis?]ministratur equaliter; si aliqui vastent porcionem suam expensis insolitis et excessivis alio modo quam deberent, non inputetur abbat[i]. Servitores habent et habuerunt intrincecus, cissorem et [lotorem].² Provideant de sutore, et illi ministrabitur sicut aliis servitoribus.

[sheet 2, recto]

.ix. Ad istum respondet et dicit quod bona monasterii a tempore fundacionis eiusdem nunquam fuerunt discreta, et quod abbates qui fuerunt pro tempore habuerunt dispositionem, ordinacionem et administracionem, illius manerii³ sicut ceterorum maneriorum dicti monasterii. Dicit eciam quod secundum suppetenciam facultatum monasterii conventui pro eorum camera et coquina de dicto manerio et aliis maneriis sufficienter ministrat, prout ad ipsum spectat; ⁴ [nam canit regula beati Benedicti in capitulo de vestiariis et calciariis fratrum, ut vicium peculiare radicitus amputetur, dentur ab abbat[e] omnia que sunt necessaria, id est cuculla, tunica, pedules, calige, bracile, graphium, acus etc'. Item in dicta regula in capitulo de preposito monasterii ordinando continetur sic: Ideo nos previdimus expedire propter pacis caritatisque custodiam, in abbatis pendere arbitrio dispositionem sive ordinationem monasterii sui. Item in dicta regula continetur quod omnia sint in dispositione abbatis, non dicit prioris et conventus, quia monstruum esset in uno corpore plura esse capita. Et in constitutionibus Benedictinis, in capitulo *Ne virtualia in peccunia administrentur monachis*, est manifeste prohibitum ne monachi recipient pecuniam etc.⁵ Cum ergo dicta regula per sedem apostolicam sit approbata et assignacio sive concessio dicti manerii per abbates facta et per episcopum confirmata, ut narratur, obviat manifeste dicte regule, quia nullus inferior domino papa potuit huiusmodi assignacionem sive concessionem facere nec episcopus confirmare.]⁴

¹ The Bishop of Lincoln was both patron and diocesan: Salter, *Cartulary of Eynsham* (Oxf. Hist. Soc. 1907), I, p. ix, 309, 372. For *porciones camere*, cf. *ibid.*, I, p. 341, II, p. xci ff.

² *interlin. over lo . . . struck through.*

³ = Histon, Cambs., cf. p. 51, below.

⁴⁻⁴ all this crossed out.

⁵ S. Bened. Reg., c. LV, 37; c. LXV, 25; Const. Bened. XII, c. 17.

Dicit eciam quod administracio dicti manerii tam predecessori suo adhuc superstiti,¹ quam sibi in creacione eorum sicut ceterorum maneriorum, conventu presente et non reclamante et sic tacite consciente, per diocesanos extiterit commissa, et de illo manerio sicut de aliis ordinarunt et disposuerunt pro utilitate monasterii, et in eodem administrarunt quiete et pacifice.

Dicit eciam quod quidam frater Iohannes de Chiltenham abbas² qui debuit primo concessisse huiusmodi manerium conventui, ut narratur, ad tunc non fuit sane mentis, nec lingue habuit usum, nec per nutum consensit, immo verius contradicit; quo³ sententiam excommunicacionis per abbatem et conventum, ut continetur in scripto concessionis predice content', dicit quod licet dictus Iohannes abbas loqui potuisset, prout non potuit, nulla fuit, cum par in parem non habet imperium; licet potuit talia concedere in preiudicium sui ipsius, non tamen in preiudicium successorum suorum abbatum. Item dicit quo ad fratrem Iohannem de Brogh-ton⁴ successorem dicti Iohannis de Chyltenham abbatis, qui assignacionem et concessionem sui predecessoris approbavit et ratificavit, nulla fuit pro eo quod simonia in contractu intervenit, videlicet quia conventus simoniace convenit cum eodem, vt viginti marcas annuas de dicto manerio reciperet ad terminum vite sue, ad quemcumque statum devenire eum contigerit.

Item quo ad confirmacionem episcopi diocesani, dicit quod fraudulenter et dolose quidam Iohannes Ragunell' tunc cancellarius diocesis procuratus et precio conductus, domino diocesano nesciente, sub sigillo dicti patris huiusmodi scriptum recitavit ac confirmavit, quamvis nulla et invalida.

Item quo ad sententiam fulminatam per diocesanum contra temerarios violatores dictae assignacionis sive concessionis manerii, dicit quod venerabilis pater dominus Simon⁵ nunc Cantuar' archiepiscopus, tunc vicarius generalis domini Henrici⁶ tunc episcopi Lincoln', in cessione dicti fratris Iohannis de Broghton abbatis et creatione fratris Nicholai de Upton⁷ in abbatem huiusmodi concessionem Iohannis de Chyltenham ac confirmacionem seu ratificationem fratris Iohannis de Broghton dampnavit et reprobavit et adnullavit, reputando huiusmodi sentenciam esse frivolam et inanem et contra iura fulminatam, et si aliqua talis sit, nunquam

¹ Nicholas de Upton, 1338-44, 1344-51.

² 1317-30.

³ *for* quo ad?

⁴ 1330-8.

⁵ Simon Islip, Abp. of Canterbury 1349-66.

⁶ Henry Burwash or Burghursh, Bp. of Lincoln 1320-40.

⁷ in 1338.

fuit legitime certificata abbati, quam si contingat notificari, protestatur abbas de appellando. Item dicit quod fratre Nicholao de Upton predecessore suo a statu suo abbathiali per venerabilem patrem Thomam de Bekis episcopum Lincoln' spoliato et privato,¹ appellassetque ad curiam Cantuar' tutorie, fuissentque dicte sentencie excommunicacionis in dicta curia obiecte et producte, prout patet in actis dicte curie, contra dictum fratrem Nicholaum appellantem, ad effectum ne audiretur nec tueretur, allegat' hinc inde partes in causa,² venerabilis pater Simon tunc dicte curie officialis huiusmodi sentencias tacite reprobavit et reiecit, ac dicto fratri Nicholao tuicionem dicte curie concessit ut patet.

[sheet 3, recto]

.x. Ad istum dicit quod pratum de Sausceysham³ ignoratur, de quo xxx solidos reportaret, nec monasterium aliquod comodum inde reportat pro huiusmodi onere sustentando, nec scitur ad quorum manus huiusmodi pratum devenit. Et si abbas legitime posset cerciorari sub qua forma et ex quibus redditibus faciet illud anniversarium libenter perficiet, set onerare dictum monasterium suum sine comodo et causa non intendit, nec convenit sacris constitutionibus, et censure que late dicuntur tanquam contra debitum iuris ordinem nullatenus ligant. Quo ad refaccionem conventus sufficienter ministratur eidem. Quo ad donacionem xl denariorum dicit quod vult quod habeant locum dictum datum de quo narratur, sive redditum eiusdem, et levant⁴ quantum possunt et inter ipsos distribuant; ita tamen quod abbas quantum cuique distribuitur sciat.

.xj. Ad istum dicit quod cura totalis, tam intrinceca, quam forinceca est sibi commissa, et quod celarios habuit, quos prefecit, ut moris est, quos ammovet certis ex causis loco et tempore opportunis, si opporteat, declarandis. Placet abbati quod fratres de conventu celerarium nominent sufficientem iuxta observanciam debitam monasterii, qui ministret, ut moris est, salvis semper statu et obedie[n]cia abbatis, et tales preficiet, ita tamen quod, si oporteat mutuum contrahere istis temporibus pro arduis negotiis monasterii, sigillum suum commune pro huiusmodi mutuo contrahendo prebeant et accommodent, nam celerarii volunt et inducunt abbatem mutuum contrahere set nolunt solvere.

Quo ad penultinam partem articuli, dicit quod non continet

¹ in 1344; Tho. Le Bek or Beake, Bp of Lincoln 1342-7.

² sic.

³ Cf. *Cartulary of Eynsham*, I, 318.

⁴ sic.

veritatem, quia quo ad celerarium et alios officarios preficendos nullum preficit favore personali vel causa adulacionis vel erroris, set de consensu et assensu seniorum, et quod non commisit officium celerarii alicui nisi magis maturo et circumspecto¹ in temporalibus, ut credebatur, et de² consensu seniorum electo, nec extitit excessivus³ in conviviis faciendis tempore quo prefuit, set quod est parcus,⁴ ut narratur, non dedit⁵ pro utilitate monasterii.

xii. Ad istum dicit quod non continet veritatem, nam nullus eorum de precepto abbatis pecuniam hucusque aliquando mutuo recepit. Dicit eciam quod nimis obscure narratur ideo petit d[.....] rationem et plene respondebitur.

xij. Ad istum dicit quod contrarium est verum, nam ballivi et prepositi maneriorum coram deputatis et senioribus conventus ac uni perito seculari annuatim compotum reddunt, quibus compotis redditis, celerarius vel administrans in compoto suo de receptis omnibus et singulis ad plenum respondet ac se onerat; quo compoto celerarii vel administrantis reddito, dictus abbas indenturas inter ipsum et conventum de receptis et expensis ac statu monasterii fieri facit annuatim, quarum quasdam habet sigillatas sigillo [communi et]⁶ anno presenti huiusmodi indenturam exhibuit et coram conventu⁷ legi fecit, summis receptorum et expensarum per ipsos examinatis, petens ut huiusmodi indenturam sigillarent,⁸ ut moris est, et renuerunt.

Ad secundum membrum articuli dicit quod nullum alium rotulum profert nec ostendit de statu monasterii nisi compotum celerarii continentem et per auditores approbatum.

Ad tertium membrum articuli respondet quod non dedit quin⁹ monasterium valere consuevit communibus annis mille marc', vel circiter, sic declarat videlicet de receptis celerarii anno Domini M^o. CCC.^{mō} lxiiij^o, ut patet in compoto eiusdem, CCCC. iiiij^{xx}. ij. li. viij. s. v. d., et sic false narratur de CCCC. li. predictis tantum. Item garentarius¹⁰ respondet in compoto suo de CCC. xlviij. quart' iiiij. bus' frumenti de maneriis de Eyn[esham], Cherbury, et Chyfforde¹¹ et Wodeton' non computatis sine empacione per celerarium, quibus appreciatis videlicet j quart' ad vj. s. viij. d., summa se extendit ad cxvj. li. iij. s. iiiij. d. Item garentarius respondet in

¹ corr. from scircumspecto.

² interlin.

³ estitit excessivus MS.

⁴ sibi ipsi? struck through.

⁵ from dedicere, 'to deny.'

⁶ blotted

⁷ conventui MS.

⁸ or sigillassent?

⁹ quim? MS.

¹⁰ for granetarius.

¹¹ for Shifford.

compoto suo de CCC. xxxvij. quart' ordei et drageti non computatis in compoto celerarii, quibus appreciatis videlicet j. quart' ad. v. s., summa se extendit ad cix. li. x. s. Item de xxxv. quart' brasei receptis de maneriis non computatis, quibus appreciatis videlicet j. quart' ad. vj. s., summa se extendit ad x. li. x. s. Summa predictarum summarum DCC. xvij. li. xj.s. ix. d. preter recepta officiis sacriste et sic false narratur.

.xiiij. Ad istum dicit quod huiusmodi ordinacionem per ipsum non approbatam fieri temptavit,¹ et videns quia nichil profecit tum propter absenciam receptorum a choro in quo ni[mis..] ² pauci extiterant, quam alias exordinaciones, ideo eandem dimisit in hac parte pro maiori bono monasterii permittens administratorem recipere recipienda sicut r[ecipere...] consuevit.

.xv. Ad istum dicit quod non continet veritatem, et quia non est verior probacio quam oculata fides, petit quod domus monasterii videlicet ecclesia, dormitorium, refectorium, infirmari[.....] lardarii, hostilarie, aule abbatis, camerarum eiusdem ultra portam monasterii, grangiarum, granarii, vaccarie, sartarie, hospiciu Nicholai de Upton', dayerie, et eciam cancell[...] de Nortonbry³ cum grangia, cancellum⁴ de Tettebury, grangia, aule et camere de Chifforde, grangia de Wodeton', omnes domus manerii de Rollondrith, omnes domus rectorie cum magna bercaria de Mukelton', molendinum cum ceteris dominibus manerii de Histon', et omnes domus manerii de Stokis, domus manerii de Cherlebury, et alie non minimis expensis reparate et reedificate pro maiori parte, videantur, si que sint alii defectus domorum, quam cito facultas se optulit et operarii inveniri poterunt, reparabuntur.

.xvj. Ad istum petit quod declaratur specialius et iuste respondebitur, dicit tamen quod ordinando et ammovendo obediencarios facit deliberate et discrete et prout monasterio magis expedire videbitur et sibi licet.

.xvij. Ad istum dicit quod Thomas Atteheth, miles, secretarius domini regis, misit abbati quatuor leporarios per aliquod tempus sustentandos, quos non pavit de elemosina, ut narratur, set aliunde, et sic continet falsitatem ; qui nullas oves suffocarunt, ut narratur, set fuerunt canes diversarum villatarum ; quos quidem leporarios dicto Thome remisit ; et creditur quod sunt regis, ideo eos sustinuit, ut oportuit ; de aliis leporariis falso narratur.

.xviii. Ad istum dicit quod facultates monasterii ad presens non

¹ sic.

³ Brize Norton.

² torn away, and so below.

⁴ sic

sufficiunt, cum supportacione aliorum onerum incumbencium, ad plenum numerum monachorum sustentandum, nec artatur ad dictum numerum prout facultates non suppetant, prout continetur in constitutionibus Benedictinis capitulo *De creacione monachorum* expresse¹, set cum augmentacione facultatum augmentabitur numerus monachorum; protestatur tamen se esse paratum ad ydoneos admittendos, cum venerint; accrevit tamen tempore suo duodecim in numero.

.xix. Ad istum dicit quod multum placet sibi quod unus cereus ardeat iugiter coram magno altari ob reverenciam corporis Christi, in capella vero beate Virginis una lampas vel cereus si comodius videatur, nam hoc optulit abbas se facturum, set alii restiterunt et contradixerunt.

.xx. Ad istum dicit quod placet sibi quod loco quinque cereorum qui ardere solebant a sinistris altaris, duo cerei ardeant in missa maiori, ultra cereos quos servitores deportant, una cum lampadibus consuetis, prout alias erat ordinatum nec contradictum, principaliibus et cappis exceptis.

.xxj. Ad istum dicit quod non peccat² in ipso, set in precentore, qui chorum regere tenetur, et vult quod de cetero fiat sub pena ac eciam in omnibus albis, ut moris est, et corripiatur prior, quia precentorem non corripuit.

.xxij. Ad istum dicit quod quamvis ante ista tempora huiusmodi onus non sit observatum, tamen ob reverenciam omnium sanctorum placet abbati ut observetur in posterum.

.xxvij. Ad istum dicit quod retroactis temporibus duo aniversaria cum commemoratione animarum habere solebant .ix. lecciones et non plura. Tamen ex quo placet conventui in anniversariis abbatum et aliorum benefactorum ix lecciones habere, bene placet sibi. Et sic vult abbas quod officium defunctorum augmentetur et non abbrevietur, et hoc precipit sub pena.

.xxvij. Ad³ primam partem istius articuli³ dicit quod predecessor suus dimisit certas libras eris, tam in manus campanarum⁴ fusoris, quam in camera celerarii. Pro ere in manus dicti fusoris existente, prior, abbate absente, recepit xx. solidos, de quibus administrator se onerat in compoto suo. De ere dimisso in camera celerarii, fiunt olle diverse et diversarum mensurarum in coquinis abbatis et conventus existentes, prout patebit cuiilibet intuenti, et sic dictus articulus continet falsitatem.

¹ const. Benedict XIII, c. 22.

³⁻³ interlin. over istum struck through.

² sic.

⁴ capanarum MS.

¹ Ad ² secundam partem ² dicit quod predecessor suus ob devotionem populi augmentandam et propter ministros et eorum liberacionem minuendam fecit dictas campanas ibidem pendere, prout fit Gloucestrie, Teukesburye, Wygornie, Persorie, Eveshamie, Wynchecoumbie, Radyngie, Cirencestrie et quasi ubique terrarum. Ideo iste articulus procedit ex malicia et non ex caritate, et quacunque auctoritate ammoveantur,³ populus dabit benedictionem a sinistra parte, et ³ sic servitores oportet augmentare et eorum liberacionem, quod non expedit monasterio istis diebus. Et quo ad ammocationem campanarum vult deliberare cum sanioribus conuentus, et quod videbitur utilius pro monasterio et conservacione religionis, libenter faciet.

[xxv] ⁴ Ad istum dicit quod consuetudo monasterii se habet quod sacrista qui est pro tempore habet huiusmodi providere, et non abbas, nisi supervidere, et creditur quod sint sufficiencia et honesta.

[xxvi. A]d istum dicit quod et vult quod et ⁵ sacrista provideat duos honestos clericos ad ministrandum in ecclesia tam pro missis privatis celebrandis et alia ministeria perficienda, [q]uibus ministrabit more solito ; quod si predicti duo clericci non poterunt iuvare ⁶ monachos ⁷ ad celebrandum,⁸ provideatur de aliis honestis, quibus ministrabitur de elemosina, ut constitutum est.

[xxvii] Ad istum dicit prout responsum est in articulo proximo superiori.

[xxviii] Ad istum dicit quod custodia hostiorum ecclesie pertinet ad sacristam, et admonitus est per abbatem quod non nimis mane neque sero ipsa aperiant.⁹ Viri et mulieres non ingrediuntur, nisi ad sacramenta missarum Beate Marie et maioris misse ad orandum, quod vendicant de consuetudine, quia parochiani. Si in aliis temporibus indebite ingrediantur, imputandum est sacriste et non abbati.

.xxix.¹⁰ Ad istum dicit quod custodia claustrum pertinet ad priorem et alios custodes ordinis, quos abbas sepius monuit ut claustrum ab ingressu secularium custodirent, ne impidirent sedentes in claustro ; iterum et iterum hoc idem precipiet, et si non faciant castigabit ¹¹ si oporteat.

¹ *xxxxv struck through.*

²⁻² *interlin over istum struck through.*

³⁻³ *underlined ; this underlining, and the alterations and additions in articles xxvij, xlviij, l, lvij, appear to be in the same hand and ink.*

⁴ *number torn away, and so below*

⁵ *sic.*

⁶ *interlin over vacare struck through.*

⁷ *corrected from monachis.*

⁸ *l . . are struck through.*

⁹ *sic.*

¹⁰ *added in place of xxx (apparently) struck through.*

¹¹ *interlin over castiget struck through.*

[sheet I, verso]

[xxxiv] ² Ad istum dicit quod si audiat aliquod sinistrum de aliquo confratre aut [.] servand' et quociens habet eum suspectum potest inquirere fama ³ [.]

[xxxv] Ad istum dicit quod nullus est ex familia qui de stipendio suo conqueritur; quo ad [.] vigiliarum quorundam fratrum usque ad quartam⁴ partem noctis et ultra vigilancium et propter [.] tam senes quam iuvenes et propter hoc recessit.

[xxxvii] Ad istum dicit quod non recolit se induxisse aliquos
seculares in [?] infirmi]torio⁵ quando comedit ibidem, servitoribus
suis privatis exceptis, prout sibi licuit [.].
fuerit ante ista tempora, emendabitur in futurum.

[xxxvij] Ad istum dicit quod ultra portam monasterii manet una mulier uxor cuiusdam corrodarii, quam non potest expellere; libenter expelleret, si posset; nec dicta mulier ingreditur [ortum?] sine viro nec aliqua alia loca, quod scitur; tempore falcacionis pratorum excepto, in quo mulieres operarie habeant dominica prata levare. Quo ad hoc quod narratur [ad ortus? . . .] est solacium regulare et cotidianum; hoc dedicit abbas, quia nullus monachorum in ortum intrabit sine licencia speciali presidentis, et hoc non cotidie nec [.] iuvenes.

[xxxix] Ad istum dicit quod alias clausuras quam nunc sunt non vident; claudant iuvenes oculos ne videant vanitatem, et si non fecerint, corripiantur [de] vis[u] per custodes ordinis et castigentur.

[xL] Ad istum dicit quod tempore feni ob defectum operariorum et ne fenum pereat propter tempestates plus solito contingentes,

~~1-1~~ struck through.

² number missing, but reckoned backwards from par. xli, and so below.

³ precon . . . struck through. ⁴ quartem MS. ⁵ for minutorio ?

quarterly MS.

minutorio ?

ad fenum levandum [.] iuvenes mittit, qui separati ab aliis operariis laborant, quod bene licet secundum regulam beati Benedicti; ubi dicit *tunc¹ veri monachi sunt etc.²* De [.] confabuland[o] non constat sibi, et si sit verum, vult quod seniores ad huiusmodi laborem egrediantur, et consci[us] puniantur, eo quod hoc permiserunt et non dete[ge]runt abbatii. Dicit eciam quod de consuetudine monasterii celerarius habet supervidere messores [.] alios operarios ut bene faciant opera sua, non toto die, set vicissim, quia [.] alia habet supervidere. Hoc idem facit abbas ex parte sua [.] turpia sive scurilia, set ut bene fiant opera, et pro utilitate monasterii.

.xlj. Ad istum dicit quod salva reverentia falsum est quod narrat, quia nunquam precepit alicui monacho bladum triturare.

.xlij. [Ad istum] dicit quod omnes cementarii patrie sunt apud Wyndeshor' in servicio domini regis; ³ alias defectus dicti muri fuissent sufficienter reparati, et quam cicius habere poterint, reparabuntur; nec mulieres neque homines ingrediuntur die neque nocte. Specificentur nomina monachorum per huiusmodi muros exeuncium et corripiantur. Detegant denunciatores nomina [muli]erum et fiet tunc correccio.

[xliij. Ad] istum dicit quod refectorarius habuit et habet in preceptis, ne aliquam mulierem permittat habere accessum ad hostium promptuarii pro liberacione querenda, set extra portam celar[.]

[xlv]. Ad istum dicit quod culpas delinquencium non dissimulat, set amputat cognita veritate, non eas colludendo ut fratres opprimat vel in domigerio suo teneat, quia quociens incipit capitulum, dicit : sunt-ne aliqua corrigenda ? Quod si sint, offert se paratum corrigenda corrigere.

Ad finem articuli, dicit quod continet falsitatem, pro eo quod in arduis et magnis negotiis querit vota singulorum singillatim.

[xlv] Ad istum petit quod nomina magnatum et clericorum et
beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum specificentur et respondebit⁴ ad
plenum.

[xlvij] Ad istum dicit quod eos non diffamat, set publice delinquentes corripit et arguit, ut tenetur, videlicet quando fratres

¹ vero struck through.

² *S. Bened. Reg.*, c. XLVIII. 19.

³ During the rebuilding of the Royal lodging under William of Wykeham and others, c. 1356-68; Higden notes under the year 1359 the commandeering and scarcity of masons and carpenters; see W. H. St. John Hope, *Windsor Castle* (1912), I, 182 ff.

⁴ or respondebitur?

inordinate se habeant in presencia secularium et hoc honesto modo fac[it.]

[sheet 2, verso]

xlviij. Ad istum dicit quod iste articulus male et ex malicia concipitur contra abbatem. Non negat quin accomodavit domino Thome Attehethe unum missale videlicet pro amicicia eius et adiutorio in arduis negotiis monasterii habenda et continuanda, quod salvo reportabitur. Quo ad legenda sanctorum, summa confessorum, summa Gregorii¹ et psalterium² glosatum, dicit quod abbathia vacante³ per cessionem predecessoris sui, dominus episcopus patronus loci dictos libros cepit et secum abduxit. Tantum⁴ prosecutus est abbas erga executores dicti patroni quod dicti libri debent monasterio restaurari. Eciām non negat quin accomodavit unum psalterium Johanni Herdewyk⁵ et ille restituet sine difficultate. Dicit eciām quod predecessor suus precepto domini Henrici Burwasch' episcopi Lincoln' patrōni sui accomodavit cuidam Johanni Bourne unum par decretorum non glosatum et unum par decretalium sub obligacione .x. marcarum penes abbatem remanente. Quo ad librum Summe summarum dicit quod fuit predecessoris sui et nunquam intitulabatur inter alios libros monasterii, et quod idem predecessor dictum librum dimisit in custodia germani sui quando adivit curiam Romanam, qui germanus nesciente abbate, neque predecessore suo, immo ipsis invitatis, inpignoravit, set nescitur cui et sic non debet hoc inputari abbati.

xlvij⁶ Ad istum dicit quod sacrista est communis procurator monasterii in villa Oxonie, et habet potestatem substituendi, et vadit Oxon' de consuetudine monasterii quando viderit indigere, [licenc]ia a quoquam minime petita. Et sic non est abbati inputandum, si pro contumacia suspendetur vel excommunicetur;⁷ si de alio obiciatur, nominetur et respondebitur in eventum.⁷

xlix. [Ad istum dicit] quod quidam frater Iohannes de Mukelton', qui ministrabat sacramenta ecclesie secularibus, nesciente abbate, pro quo indiguit dispensacionem et propter hoc adivit patriam [ped]es pro pe[cun]ia querenda, et quo ad hoc quod adivit pedes, hoc fuit ex malicia, quia palefridum sacriste habuisse potuisset, si petivisset, et volenti non fit iniuria.

¹ sic: what is it? ² spalterium MS.

³ predecessoris struck through.

⁴ sic, for tandem or tamen?

⁵ cf. *Cartulary of Eynsham*, I, 391; II, 22-4; c. 1350-66.

⁶ interlin. over xlix struck through.

⁷⁻⁷ added in another hand.

.I. Ad istum dicit quod hoc facere non consuevit sine causa, et si hoc factum fuerit minus provide, hoc revocavit, et iam habet pro revocatis¹ nec amplius facere sic intendit.¹

.II. Ad istum dicit quod non est timendum, ubi timor non est, quia nunquam fuit nec exstitit intencionis sue huiusmodi m[a]nerium sine assensu et consensu domini patroni sui et omnium confratrum ac pro multo maiori utilitate sive commodo commutare, nec potest si vellet, iuxta canonicas sancções.

.III. Ad istum dicit quod dominus rex sepius scripsit abbati et conventui pro quadam corrodio; quibusdam de conventu ad hoc consentire nolentibus, abbas excusavit erga dominum regem pro periculo quod verisimiliter contingere poterit, se confratres suos ad consensum inducere non posse, nomen nullius exprimendo. Et sic dictus articulus continet falsitatem. Dicit eciam quod quidam fratrum inconsiderate frequenter et non zelo bono set malicia ducti contradicunt supplicationibus regiis et aliorum magnatum, non curantes dispendium seu incomodum² que monasterio ex hoc contingere poterit, ut patet in excambio corrodii Thome de Kent et aliis que declarabuntur loco et tempore oportunis.

.IV. Ad istum dicit quod pecuniā ex mutuo vel aliquo alio modo receptam per ipsum in utilitatem monasterii et necessarias expensas expendidit, quod offert se monstraturum per rotulos compoti celeriorum,³ non respondet plene.

.V. Ad istum dicit quod propter defectum operariorum hiis temporibus decimas de Cherlebury et tocius parochie de Carsyngton', Worton' et Erdyngton' non vendit pre manibus set pro certis quarteriis et pro maiore utilitate tradidit. Decimas vero parochie de Mukelton' propter defectum operariorum prout sibi visum fuerit utilius vendidit. Ad secundum dicit quod quando imminet necessitas contractum mutui facere, tractat cum conventu sigillum commune petendo pro obligacionibus roborandis, et ex malicia quorundam fratrum est contradictum; tunc necessitate cogente et pro maiori incomodo evitando huiusmodi obligacionibus sigillum suum apposuit, et alias non; quod in paucis exstitit factum.

.VI. Ad istum dicit quod⁴ respondet prout⁴ responsum est in articulo proximo precedenti.

.VII. Ad istum dicit quod nunquam fuit agricultor; propterea habet sub se yconomos, ballivos, prepositos et alios ministros, qui terras colunt ac eas seminant meliori modo quo possunt, et staurum

¹⁻¹ added in another hand.

³ something interlin., like i for ideo?

² corr. from comodum.

⁴⁻⁴ interlin. in another hand.

multiplicant in quantum commode possunt, et illos supervidet et supervideri facit utilius quo comode poterit. Dicit eciam quod seminaratores bladorum de Eyn[esham] et aliorum locorum, quando presens est in illis, sepe et sepius supervidet. Aliquando potat post prandium, cum indiguerit, non tamen potacionibus vacando, ut narratur.

.lvij. Ad istum dicit quod propter periculum diluviorum et inundacionem aquarum hiis temporibus plus solito et propter defectum falcatorum tradit fenum ubi et quando hoc expedire videtur; quantum fenum potest ad manerium tractare facit. Sepius contigit quod feno falcato et levato tam falcatoribus quam penes dominum remanent[. . .] veniunt diluvia subita et totum fenum asportant et consumant. Quo ad vendicionem bladorum responsum est articulo .lvº. Dicit eciam quod humanum est pecuniam amare, non tamen cor apponit, nisi pro utilitate monasterii. Quo ad vendiciones bestiarum, nullas vendit, prout patet in compoto ballivorum et prepositorum ac indenturis inde factis.

.lvijj. Ad istum dicit quod ¹ dato quod sic fecerit, emendabitur pro futuro ¹ ²[duo fratres involuti sentencia excommunicacionis, petentes se absoluvi, iurabant stare mandatis ecclesie, ut iuris est, quibus absolutis in forma loco penitencie iniunxit eisdem ne sini- strum aliquod predicarent, nec obloquium de eo facerent seu eidem detractarent, nec ecclesie occasione sui dampnum facerent seu malum aut procurarent; set in casu quo idem abbas aliquid ficeret quod eis videretur iniustum aut grave, sibi denunciarent, vel saltem superiori supervenienti denunciarent, si conscientiam super aliquo haberent. Alio modo quam ut prefertur non fecit aliquos fratres iurare.]²

[sheet 3, verso]

³ respondeatur ad substraxionem corrodiar'.³

.lix.⁴ Ad istum dicit, nescitur quod furantur, nec pertinet ad abbatem de furtis intromittere, quia tangit coronam regis; set dentur nomina huiusmodi famulorum sic furancium, et abbas apponet remedium quatenus poterit. Quo ad alia responsum est in articulo secundo.

¹⁻¹ interlin. in another hand.

²⁻² struck through.

³⁻³ interlin. in another hand; this, and the additions and alterations in articles lv, lxij, lxiij, lxxij, appear to be in the same hand.

⁴ perhaps corr. from lx.

lx¹ Ad istum dicit quod narratur nimis generaliter ; sint vasa specificata, et emendabitur tam de numero, quam de honestate ; et bene concedit quod si qui sint ministri in officiis conventum tangentibus insufficientes et erga superiores suos male respondentes, quod ammoveantur et loco eorum meliores subrogentur.

.lxij.² Ad istum dicit quod nullos mittit ad sacros ordines suscipiendo[n]s nisi consensu capituli, amicis eorum de etate examinatis, cum sufficienti literatura,³ [cum sufficiat monacho communis literatura, nec est officium doctoris monachi set plangentis].³

lxij.⁴ Ad istum dicit quod ille magnus ventus qui prostravit quasi ubilibet campanilia, ecclesias, arbores⁵ et multa alia,⁶ prostravit molendinum de Mukelton', abbe permitte[n]t set non consen[t]iente,⁷ quam cito facultates suppetant et operarii inveniantur, commode reparabitur.

.lxiii.⁸ Ad istum dicit quod deputavit sub se, substancialibus sibi reservatis, videlicet inobedientia, rerum proprietate,⁹ conspiracia¹⁰ et incontinencia,¹¹ certas personas,¹¹ quibus claustrales confitentur peccata sua, et abbati integraliter¹² saltem semel in anno fratres confitentur.

lxiiij.¹³ Ad istum dicit quod bene licet sibi cocos suos facere¹⁴ iurare et sibi fideles esse, nec victualia in custodia sua existencia alicui nec monacho nec seculari conferre sine licencia sua sive deputati sui¹⁵ in hac parte.

[lx]v.¹⁶ Ad istum dicit quod non facit privatas cenas, quia non cenat libenter. Tempore quo fratres sunt cenaturi, cenant et eis ministratur ut moris est. Alio tempore anni quo cenaturi non sunt, abbas aliquando de gracia sua speciali facit eos cenare, licet ipse non cenet, plantans inter fratres honestos hospites supervenientes et abbatis armigeros, ut moris est, et sic non inter ribaldo[s].

lxvj.¹⁷ Ad istum dicit quod non recolit quid vel quantum expendidit in dicta lite ; ulterius dicit quod quicquid expendebat, in rotulis compotorum celeriorum verissime continetur.

lxvij.¹⁸ Ad istum dicit quod necessitate compellente mutuavit a

¹ a correction?

² xl. struck through ; lxij corr from lxij.

³⁻³ struck through, cf Decretum, II, XVI, 1, 4, from St. Jerome.

⁴ corr from lxij

⁵ infinitas struck through.

⁶ The great storm of 15 Jan., 1362

⁷ prostravit quod interlin. and struck through

⁸ corr. from lxij.

⁹ -te over eras.

¹⁰ contencionibus, superbia struck through

^{11.11} interlin. in another hand

¹² vel struck through.

¹³ over erasure.

¹⁴ interlin

¹⁵ interlin.

¹⁶ corr. from lxvj.

¹⁷ corr from lxvij.

¹⁸ corr. from lxvij.

dicto Thoma . CC. libras solvendas iij or annis sequentibus, quibus solutis, quia dicte decime erant litigiose, ut dictus Thomas possessionem earundem defenderet, et pro dicto beneficio monasterio per ipsum collato aliqualiter remunerando, sine pacto quoconque, de consilio domini patroni episcopi Lincoln' et consilio dominorum[?] amicorum et assensu conventus dictas decimas vendidit dicto Thome ad terminum, ut narratur, pro xlvi. marcis pre manibus solutis, et sic non contulit. Recepcio dictarum xlvi. marc' patet in compoto celerarii.

lxvij¹ Ad istum dicit quod falcissimus est iste articulus, prout patet et volenti patebit oculata fide in compotis ballivorum ac prepositorum ac expensis coquine abbatis et superveniencium.

lxix.² Ad istum dicit quod comodum dictarum ecclesiarum ad communem usum monasterii et utilitatem convertitur et assignatur, nec conventui specialiter inde aliquid oportet assignari, cum aliunde secundum suppetenciam facultatum monasterii pro victu et vestitu eidem ministratur sufficienter.

lxx.³ Ad istum dicit quod de negociis exterioribus tractat cum suo senescallo et aliis sapientibus; cognitis eorum consilio et opinione, tractat cum fratribus, ut tenetur. Non dedit quin querat familiaritatem et amiciciam curialium pro utilitate monasterii et non pro sui erroris defencione, ut narratur.

[lxxj]⁴ Ad istum dicit quod est una porta versus curiam monasterii; claudant cocci eorum dictam portam, ne seculares intrent, nec conventui ministrent.⁵ Dicit eciam quod non decet abbatem eorum esse dicte porte ianitorem, et quantum ad eum attinet, precipiet quod huiusmodi porta claudatur temporibus debitibus.

[The rest of sheet 3 verso is blank, except for the following, written the reverse way.]

Quantum ad 2^m. articulum de officio elemosinarie fiet emenda oportet inquirere quomodo huiusmodi elemosina fuerit introducta.

Quantum ad 4^m articulum de domibus videbitur.

Quantum ad 7^m et 8^m⁶ articulos de obedienciariis videtur expectandum.

Item quantum ad 9^m. de manerio de Hyston'.

De articulo. 19^o. et .20^o. 21^o 23^o 31^o

¹ corr. from lxix.

² > a correction.

³ corr. from lxxj.

⁴ torn away.

⁵ sic.

⁶ 7 corr. from 6 and 8 corr. from 7, apparently.

[210. *A monk of Reading submits to the abbot of St. Albans, president and special visitor [c. 1363 ?].*]

*Cambridge Univ. Library MS. Ee, IV, 20, fo. 58v [St. Albans].
Forma submissionis monachi correccionibus sui superioris.*

In Dei nomine Amen. Coram vobis venerabili in Christo patre et domino domino Thoma Dei gratia abbate monasterii sancti Albani ordinis sancti Benedicti Lincolnensis diocesis, ac provincialis capituli nigrorum monachorum presidente, et super defectibus pro reformacione eiusdem ordinis inquisitionem faciente, ego frater N. monachus monasterii Redyng' ordinis sancti Benedicti Sar' diocesis, non coactus metu seu dolo ductus qualitercumque, sed mea libera et spontanea voluntate, iuro et promitto quod correccionibus et ordinacionibus vestris licitis et canonicis stabo et in omnibus me submitto.

[211. *The abbot of St. Albans, sole president, appoints Thomas de Brompton [Brinton] proctor of the English Black Monks at the Court of Rome. 31 Jan., 1364.]*

*Cambridge Univ. Library MS. Ee, IV, 20, fo. 100v.
Procuratorium nigrorum monachorum in curia Romana.*

Universis pateat per presentes, quod nos Thomas permissione divina abbas monasterii sancti Albani sacrosante Romane ecclesie immediate subiecti ordinis sancti Benedicti Lincolnensis diocesis, communis sive provinciali capitulo monachorum nigrorum eiusdem ordinis Anglicane provincie, licet non nostris meritis, presidens unicus, de expresso assensu tocius capitulo antedicti dominum Thomam de Brompton' ecclesie cathedralis¹ monachum predicti ordinis, nostrum et prefati capitulo legitimum procuratorem, actorem et nuncium speciale ad infrascripta facimus et constituimus per presentes ;² dantes et concedentes eidem nostro et predicti capitulo nomine generalem potestatem et speciale mandatum ad procurandum et faciendum omnes et singulos monachos ipsorum provincie Anglicane et ordinis, qui extra regnum Anglie fugitive recesserint vel recesserunt, seu sufficientes literas testimoniales, per quas de legitima licencia super huiusmodi suo recessu eis concessa poterit apparere, non exhibuerint, in curia Romana et ubicunque ipsos vel eorum aliquem extra dictum regnum inveniri contigerit, arrestari,

¹ The name of the cathedral is omitted : it was Norwich : cf. p. 28-9, 61.

² For the duties of the proctor, cf. Statutes of 1363, II, 18, vol II, p. 73

detineri et salve custodie mancipari, et in huiusmodi custodia detineri, donec de eorum abbatibus vel prioribus quid de ipsis arrestatis fuerit faciendum, habuerit in mandatis; literasque quascumque utiles in hac parte seu necessarias, graciam seu iusticiam continentes, impetrandum; necnon quibuscumque literis per huiusmodi monachos fugitivos, seu aliter ut premittitur extra predictum regnum recedentes vel recessuros vel eorum aliquem impetrandis, prout expediens nobis et dicto ordini eidem procuratori nostro visum fuerit, contradicendum; aliumque procuratorem seu procuratores alios in hac parte loco suo constituendum, huiusmodi substitutos seu substituendos ab eodem revocandum, et procuratoris officium reassumendum, quo ciens et quando eidem procuratori nostro videbitur expedire; et omnia alia et singula faciendum et expediendum, que in premissis vel ipsorum aliquo seu circa ea vel eorum aliquod requiruntur vel eciam fuerint oportuna, quantumcumque mandatum exigant speciale; promittentes nos et omnes et singulos capituli prelibati prelatos ratum et gratum habituros, quicquid per dictum procuratorem, actorem et nuncium nostrum speciale, seu ipsum in hac parte substitutum seu substitutos, actum, gestum et procuratum fuerit in premissis vel in aliquo premissorum; sub rerum nostrarum et dicti nostri monasterii ypoteca. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum fecimus hiis apponi. Datum apud sanctum Albanum ultimo die mensis Ianuarii anno ab incarnatione Domini secundum cursum et computacionem ecclesie Anglicane millesimo trescentesimo sexagesimo tercio.

[212. *The abbot of Glastonbury to a monk-student [c. 12 Mar., 1364.]*]

*Brit. Mus. MS. Arundel 2, fo. 74^v.
Fratri Roberto Samborne studenti Oxon'.*

Fili, litera tua intellecta, super quibusdam stupefacti mirabamur contentis, eo quod temporis penuria prehabite peccunie porcionem consumpsit, cum proficientes et graves inter vos et alibi vivunt et vivere sciunt de minori honeste, quia recepta et per te recipienda summam viginti excedunt marcarum: quapropter, fili, consulimus, ut te regas in expensis, ut tibi honor et aliis acrescat amicis, quia qui sibi non est sapiens, aliis fatuus reputatur: et quia porcio tua tibi videtur exilis, pro tua utilitate et iuvenum volumus te legere philosophiam in domo in tempore autumpnali, et mittimus tibi undecim solidos et octo denarios et non plus, quia Polayn Stodleigh

et Bodmen tibi solverunt unam marcam de termino pasche, ut dicunt, ante recessum tuum. Dicat frater Galfridus tecum servicium suum, quia lingua fratris Ricardi in dicendo non habet modum. De lectura tua et aliis que volueris, nobis per presencium portitorem rescribe. Ad Deum cum expeditione felici.

[213. *The abbot of Glastonbury to a monk-student, with directions for the care of a young scholar [April, 1365].*]

Brit. Mus. MS. Arundel 2, fo. 79v.

Fratri nostro carissimo fratri Roberto Samborn'.

Fili et frater in Christo carissime, de tua dileccione et contentis in tuis literis confidentes, parvulum Bodenham inscium et indiscretum tuo regimini destinamus, affectuose rogantes ut per te et magistrum suum sic disciplinetur, castigetur et doctrinetur, ut proficiat, et cum factus fuerit vir, ea que sunt parvuli valeat declinare. Et quia, fili, frequenter vidimus iuvenes per malos et malorum comitivam deficere et in universitate perire, sibi prohibeat quod comitivas et hospicia non exerceat iuvenum aliorum, set quod debitibus temporibus hospicium suum teneat, et quod de eodem non exeat, nisi de tua vel magistri sui licencia speciali; aurum vel argentum non habeat, set ipse et sua in tua sint custodia, et per te solvantur mancipio | et aliis competentibus solvenda; sobrie in esculentis et poculentis vivat; mancipio et aliis dicatur quod ab eis nichil mutuetur eidem; et alia que sunt sibi dicenda per te et magistrum suum nostro interventu dicantur. Pro expensis suis quadraginta solidos de latore presencium recipias, quos tibi mittimus pro expensis eiusdem. Et amore nostro regimen istius iuvenis cordi habeas, quia nisi de tua custodia et diligencia circa eum confideremus, universitati ista vice non mitteremus eundem. Valeas cum Ihesu Christi et nostra benedictione et expeditione felici. Scriptum G. die martis in septimana pasche. Per abbatem.
fo. 80.

[214. *The abbot of Glastonbury to a monk-student, concerning the same matter as in No. 213 [April, 1365].*]

Brit. Mus. MS. Arundel 2, fo. 80.

Amico nostro carissimo fratri Roberto Middelton'.

Frater in Christo carissime, de magistro, hospicio¹ et aliis requisitis pro consanguineo nostro gracias vobis referimus cordiales,

¹ or magistro hospicij?

ulterius deprecantes, ut per magistrum sibi deputatum sic disciplinetur, castigetur et doctinetur, ut in moribus et literatura proficere dinoscatur. Iuvenum hospicia non exerceat, per vicos et plateas non discurrat, hospicium suum teneat et de eodem non exeat, nisi de magistri sui licencia speciali, omni die de leccione sua redditacionem suo magistro, et ad hoc si expediens fuerit, rigide compellatur. De vestris negocis cum magister noster communis advenerit, tractabimus modo quo Deus dederit meliori. Ad Deum cum salute et expeditione felici. Per A.

[215. *The abbot of Glastonbury to his monk-students [March, 1366].*]

*Brit. Mus. Arundel 2, fo. 83.
Fratri I. Locombe et sociis suis Oxon' studentibus.*

Quia a confratre nostro fratre Thoma Wych' in adventu suo de vobis et omnibus de comitiva habuimus rumores placentes, eo quod inter vos plures sunt viri magne literature et profundi clerici et ceteri omnes magis solito in moribus et sciencia de diebus indies proficiunt, ad habendum quartum socium de nostris in universitate veraciter infra pasche quindenam intendimus, quapropter visis istis, quartam cameram, rebus vestris et famulis occupatam, volumus mundari, et contra dictum tempus pro recepcione confratraris nostri modo debito reparari. Et quod tu Galfride te disponas contra futurum annum ad legendum et informandum in claustro iuniores claustrales. Ad Deum cum¹ Ihesu Christi et nostra benedictione et expeditione felici. Abbas. G.

[216. *The prior of Norwich summons the monks of a cell home for a visitation on 3 July. 20 June 1366.]*

*Bodleian, MS. Tanner 342, fo. 106 [Norwich].
Litera mittenda pro fratribus ad capitulum generale.*

Frater Nicholaus prior ecclesie cathedralis sancte Trinitatis Norwic', dilectis in Christo filiis fratribus Laurentio de T. custodi celle nostre de G.,² Ricardo de B., et Iohanni de C., atque Roberto de T., commonachis nostris ibidem commorantibus, salutem in Domino. Quia frater Iohannes abbas de L.³ in capitulo nostri

¹ expeditione felici struck through.

² probably Gernemuth, Yarmouth.

³ sic, there is no abbey of Black Monks with the initial L. Perhaps John de Brinkele, abbot of Bury St. Edmunds, is intended.

ordinis provinciali apud Northampton' ultimo celebrato deputatus omnium monasteriorum dicti ordinis in Eliensi et Norwicensi diocesibus existencium visitator, capitulum nostrum die Veneris proxima post festum sanctorum Processi et Martiniani proximo futur' intendit, prout per suas certi tenoris literas nobis demandavit, vos igitur tenore presencium peremptorie citamus, quatinus dictis die et loco personaliter compareatis, dicti abbatis visitacionem, prout convenit, subituri ulteriusque facturi in ea parte, quod iusticia suadebit. Datum Norwic' xij kalend. Iulii anno Domini millesimo ccc^m sexagesimo sexto.

NOTE ON NO. 217.

The following are the main stages in the struggle between the provincial chapter and the cathedral priory of Christ Church, Canterbury, which claimed exemption from the chapter on the grounds of its metropolitical dignity.

(1) The acta of 1343 mention *nuncu* sent to the Court of Rome to proceed against Christ Church and other rebels (above, vol. II, p. 23).

(2) Abbot Thomas de la Mare, when president, obtained from Pope Innocent VI (1352-62) a declaration that the constitutions of Benedict XII applied even to metropolitan cathedral priories, against the claims of Christ Church¹. This was perhaps about 1360: in that year we find the " *Nota de priore Cantuar*" written against the record of the provincial chapter (see above, vol. II, p. 4), and on 10 Dec., 1360, the King wrote to de la Mare: he had already forbidden the presidents to proceed against the prior of Christ Church in virtue of the papal Bull procured, until the matter has been discussed before the King's Council after Easter: he now orders them to stop their proctor at the Court of Rome proceeding in the matter. There are also two drafts for a petition from the King to the Pope, on behalf of Christ Church.²

(3) Abbot de la Mare apparently renewed his attacks in 1363, when the prior of Christ Church sent instructions to his proctor in the Court of Rome (13 June, 1363).³

(4) Apparently c. 1363-6: Abbot de la Mare cited the prior of Christ Church, but his messenger was beaten and imprisoned by the prior's servants. At the indignant remonstrance of Edward the Black Prince, the prior submitted, indemnified the abbot and his messenger, and sent *duos de venerabilibus personis domus sue*, as proctors and excusers, to the provincial chapter: this must refer to the proxy of

¹ *Gesta Abbatum* (Rolls Series, 1867), II, 403; *Litterae Cantuarienses* (Rolls Series, 1888), II, 449.

² *Lit. Cant.*, II, 398-405.

³ *Ibid.*, II, 448-9

1366, printed below. At this same chapter, John of Gaunt received the *fraternitatem generalis capituli*.¹ From the proxy it appears that the Treasurer of Exeter, acting by authority of the Holy See (perhaps as a judge delegate) was proceeding against Christ Church, no doubt on behalf of the presidents.

(5) In a letter probably to Cardinal Langham, c. Sept., 1373-June, 1374, the prior of Christ Church complains of threats and fines for non-attendance at the last chapter,² and in July, 1375, and 1378, attempts were made to visit Christ Church, but were warded off by the archbishop (see below, No. 227, 230 a-c). Incidentally, these attempted visitations in July seem to suggest that in 1375 and 1378, the chapters were still being held in September, as in earlier years, and not in July, as in 1381 and subsequent years.

(6) Finally, on 25 March, 1379, Christ Church obtained a papal Bull of exemption from the provincial chapter.³ Thus, as is pointed out in the *Gesta Abbatum*, all the advantage gained by de la Mare was lost by the slackness of the other presidents: this, incidentally, seems to show that de la Mare had ceased to be president by 1379.

[217. *The prior of Christ Church Canterbury to the presidents, excusing his absence, and appointing proctors of the provincial chapter on 22 Sept., 1366. 16 Sept., 1366.*]

[Original: parchment, 13 in. x 15½ + ¾ turned up: seal attached by cords (faded, brown), green wax, pointed oval 3½ x 2 in., with figure in pontifical vestments under canopy; legend: S. ROBERTI PRIORIS ECCLESIE XPI CANTUARIE; no ancient endorsement.]

Canterbury Cathedral, Cartae Antiquae S. 395.

Reverendis patribus et religiosis viris, communi et provinciali capitulo monachorum nigrorum ordinis sancti Benedicti provincie regni Anglicani presidentibus, ac omnibus aliis et singulis, quorum interest vel interesse proterit in futurum, Robertus⁴ permissione divina prior ecclesie Christi Cantuar' metropolitice, sede⁵ ipsius ecclesie⁵ vacante, notum facimus per presentes et ad vestram noticiam volumus pervenire, quod ad capitulum dicti ordinis commune et provinciale apud Northampton' die martis in crastino sancti Mathei apostoli prox' futur' celebrandum personaliter accedere vel in ipso capitulo interesse comode non valemus nec possumus, propter certas veras et legitimas causas infrascriptas:

In primis videlicet pro eo et ex eo quod de capitulo huiusmodi dictis die et loco celebrando, et precipue de processibus per dis-

¹ *Gesta Abbatum*, II, 403-4.

² *Lit. Cant.*, II, 511.

³ Wilkins, III, 126

⁴ Robert Horthbrand (1338-70).

⁵⁻⁵ interlin.

cretum virum magistrum Robertum de Myddelond Exon' ecclesie thesaurarium¹ auctoritate apostolica contra ecclesiam Cantuar' et nos ut dicitur factis et habitis, qui processus ad comparendum et interessendum in dicto capitulo communi una cum aliis . . abbatibus et . . prioribus dictorum ordinis et provincie videntur saltim prima facie nos artare, adeo tarde et ad tam brevem terminum fuimus premuniti et dicti processus primo nobis fuerant intimati, quod interim de bonis et rebus ecclesie nostre, fructibusque autumpnaliis nostris colligendis et percipiendis, et precipue de regimine et gubernacione ecclesie nostre supradicte in nostra absencia, si ad dictum . . capitulum loco et die predictis celebrandum personaliter accesserimus, ad plenum et debite prout convenit pro honore et utilitate ecclesie nostre antedicte, maxime autumpnali tempore notorie iam instantे, ordinare et disponere non valemus ; nec nos et familiam nostram nobis in eundo personaliter ad dictum capitulum sic remotum, stando, redeundo, circa opera huiusmodi autumpnalia pro maiori parte diversimode et necessario occupatam, preparare, et nobis competenter de necessariis nostris, quibus ibidem secundum decenciam status nostri indigeremus,² non potuimus nec possumus pro progressu, regressu et mora nostris huiusmodi tam subito et celeriter providere ; nec totum tempus a tempore intimacionis et premonitionis predictarum interim contingens ad premissa comode et debite facienda et expedienda sufficere posset quoquomodo ;

Item pro eo et ex eo quod dicta ecclesia nostra Cantuar' per mortem bone memorie domini Simonis de Islep' ultimi archiepiscopi eiusdem diu iam vacavit et vacat in presenti, sic quod omnis et omnimoda iurisdiccionis spiritualis et ecclesiastica ad archiepiscopum Cantuar' sede plena qualitercumque pertinens ad nos et nostrum . . capitulum dinoscitur pertinere, circa cuius curam et exercitium a tempore quo primo dicta sedes vacavit, ut prefertur, hucusque adeo fuimus et erimus dicta vacacione durante necessario et de diebus in dies occupati atque onerati, quod a civitate et precipue a diocese Cantuar' recedere comode non valemus ;

Item pro eo quod senio et adversa corporis valitudine sumus adeo confracti et debiles, quod absque gravi nostri corporis periculo ad dictum capitulum et maxime ad locum ab ecclesia nostra tam distantem personaliter accedere sive laborare non valemus, sicuti non tenemur de iure neque ratione ;

Ad comparendum igitur dictis die et loco pro nobis et nomine nostro coram vobis in capitulo communi predicto, et allegandum et

¹ ob. 1367.

² interlin.

proponendum causas et defensiones iuris nobis et ecclesie Cantuar' in hac parte competentes, necnon causas impedimenti sive excusacionis nostre huiusmodi, dilectos nobis in Christo fratres Iohannem Redynggate et Iacobum de Stone, confratres et commonachos nostros, communiter et divisim, et utrumque eorum in solidum, ita quod non sit melior condicio occupantis, set quod unus eorum incepit, aliis eorum mediare valeat et eciam expedire, procuratores,¹ excusatores, et nuncios speciales ordinamus, facimus, et constituimus per presentes, dantes et concedentes eisdem procuratoribus nostris potestatem generalem et mandatum speciale premissas causas impedimenti sive excusacionis nostre et iuris huiusmodi nomine nostro in ipso capitulo provinciali coram vobis allegandi, proponendi, et dictas causas excusacionis et impedimentorum veras esse et quamlibet earum veram esse in animam nostram iurandi, et nos a personali comparicione in hac parte excusandi, ac in dicto capitulo una cum . . . abbatibus . . . prioribus et alius prelatis et personis dicti ordinis interessandi, et tractandi, et tractandis ibidem sive statuendis et ² diffiniendis ³ prout melius eis visum fuerit consenciendi, provocandi et appellandi, provocacionum et appellacionum causas prosequendi, et ipsas appellaciones et provocaciones intimandi et notificandi, apostolos petendi et recipiendi, necnon omnia et singula faciendi, exercendi, et expediendi, que in capitulo predicto ad honorem Dei ac reformacionem ordinis seu religionis huiusmodi et observanciam regularem inibi contigerint salubriter et canonice ordinari, et que nos facere possemus, si presentes in eodem capitulo existeremus, et que verus procurator vel excusator in premissis vel circa ea facere posset vel expedire, eciam si mandatum exigant speciale; promittentes nos ratum et gratum habituri sub ypotecha et obligacione omnium bonorum nostorum, quicquid iidem procuratores seu alter eorum fecerint seu exercuerint, fecerit seu exercuerit,³ in premissis vel aliquo premissorum. In cuius rei testimonium presentes literas nostras seu presens procuratorum sigilli nostri appensione ac subscripcione et signi appositione notarii publici infrascripsi fecimus communiri Datum et actum Cantuarie anno Domini millesimo CCC^{mo} lxxv^{to}, inductione quarta, pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri, domini Urbani divina providencia pape quinti anno quarto, mense Septembr', die sextodecima, presentibus discretis viris magistris Roberto de Bourne de Frakenham, Iohanne Craneborne de Hope ecclesiarum rectoribus, Norwicensis et Cantuariensis

¹ interlin.

² interlin

³ an erasure follows, with a line drawn across.

diocesum, et Adam Clerk de Essch', Roffensis diocesis, notario publico, testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis

[notary's mark] Et ego Ricardus Wodelond de Calceto clericus Cicesterensis diocesis, notarius apostolica auctoritate publicus, constitucioni procuratorum predictorum sub modo et forma predictis facte, omnibusque et singulis prout superius scribuntur et recitantur, anno, indiccione, pontificatu, mense, die et loco predictis, una cum prefatis testibus presens interfui, ac de mandato dicti domini prioris hic me subscripsi, et signum meum apposui presentibus consuetum in testimonium premissorum.

[218. *The abbot of St. Albans, president, commissions the abbot of Glastonbury to inquire into the case of a monk-student. 20 Sept., 1366.]*

Brit. Mus. MS. Arundel 2, fo. 84v.

Commissio directa domino abbati per venerabilem patrem dominum abbatem sancti Albani pro fratre Iohanne Loccombe.

Thomas permissione divina abbas monasterii sancti Albani sacrosante curie Romane immediate subiecti, presidens solus et in solidum capituli provincialis monachorum nigrorum ordinis sancti Benedicti regni Anglie, iudex competens ad subscripta, venerando et religioso viro confratri nostro, abbati monasterii Glaston' Bathoniensis et Wellensis diocesis nostri ordinis antedicti, salutem in omnium Salvatore. Ad inquirendum in forma debita super crimine incontinencie dilecto fratri et commonacho nostri ordinis I. Loccombe monasterii vestri predicti, nuper in universitate Oxon' studenti, per fratrem Adam Eston' monachum Norwicensem ac monachorum studencium in dicta universitate priore inposito, et purgacionem canonicam eidem si oporteat indicendum, ac penitenciam regularem, si quod absit convictus fuerit, seu in purgacione defecerit, in hac parte sibi iusticia previa inponendum, *fo. 85.* ac omnia et singula faciendum et exercendum, que fuerint in premissis aut circa ea necessaria seu eciam oportuna, vestre fraternitati, de qua plenam in Domino fiduciam optimemus, vices nostras committimus, cum cuiuslibet cohercionis regularis canonice potestate. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum quo utimur presentibus duximus apponendum. Datum apud Northampton' vicesimo die mensis Septembris, anno Domini millesimo CCCmo sexagesimo sexto.

[219. *The prior of Norwich asks the King to permit Thomas de Brinton, papal penitentiary and proctor of the English Black Monks, to return to the Court of Rome [c. 1366].*]

Bodleian, MS. Tanner 342, fo. 105v [Norwich].

Excellentissime princeps et domine serenissime, sciat vestra dominacio metuenda, quod nuper ad instanciam duorum monachorum meorum apostatarum ad Romanam curiam personaliter evocatus, assumpsi mecum socium in itinere fratrem T. de B.¹ commonachum meum ad iusticiam defendendam ecclesie Norwicensis; qui quidem T. ad officium penitenciarie pro nacione Anglicana in dicta curia tunc vacans ex inopinato electus et prefectus, tempore precedente, de communi consensu et unanimi voluntate prelatorum nostri ordinis in Anglia presencium in capitulo generali, ad prosequenda negocia dicti ordinis et precipue ad resistendum apostatis et personalibus vocacionibus prelatorum in dicta curia est procurator generaliter constitutus, et iam tarde ad Angliam rediens, ad honorem ecclesie Norwicensis et tocius ordinis incepit solemniter Oxon' in decretis. Verum princeps illustrissime, quia dictus frater T. quantum in nobis est iam est licenciatus per me et confratres suos, ut ad dictam curiam redeat indilate, tum pro execucione sui officii supradicti, tum pro defensione monasterii mei et tocius ordinis nigrorum in Anglia monachorum, vestram excellentissimam dominacionem flexis genibus in quantum audeo humiliiter deprecor et devote, quatinus dicto frati T. commonacho meo licenciam transfretandi dignemini misericorditer impertiri de vestra gratia speciali. Vestram excellentissimam munificenciam regiam per tempora feliciter duratura protegat et conservet Trinitas increata. Script' apud Norwicum tali die.

¹ The sequence of Brinton's career seems to be thus: before 1364, he accompanies the Prior of Norwich to the Curia, in the suit against the two apostates (probably connected with this mission are two letters in MS. Tanner, 342, to 109^v, 110); is appointed papal penitentiary; Jan., 1364, appointed proctor for the English Black Monks (No. 211, above), c. 1364-6, returns to Oxford to incept in Canon Law; c. 1366, returns to Curia; 25 Nov., 1366, mentioned as D. Decr., Papal penitentiary and nuncio (*Cal. papal letters*, IV, 25), Jan., 1373, provided to See of Rochester; 1377 preached at Coronation, confessor to Rich. II; 1389 ob.

[220. *The prior of Norwich asks a prelate (probably the chancellor) to help in the matter of the preceding letter, No. 219 [c. 1366].*]

Bodleian, MS. Tanner 342, fo. 105v [Norwich].

Reverende domine et amice, pro innensis beneficiis ecclesie nostre Norwicensi per vestram magnificenciam procuratis, et precipue pro magna et quasi inaudita humanitate quam gratis exhibuistis fratri T. de B. commonacho nostro et penitencario domini nostri pape, graciarum referimus acciones, vestram dominacionem reverendam exorantes humiliter et devote, quatinus pro licencia transfretandi pro dicto fratre T. effectualiter impletanda ab excellentissimo principe et domino nostro rege dignemini assistere et iuvare, sicut in vobis pre ceteris viventibus anchoram spei nostre posuimus confidenter. Valete in benedicto Filio virginis gloriose per tempora diuturna. Scriptum apud N. tali die.

[221. *The abbot of Battle to the abbot of St. Albans (president), on the improvement of the monastery [c. 1366].*]

Brit. Mus. MS. Harl. 3586, fo. 27v [or 6rv] [Battle].

Litera abbatis¹ directa abbatii sancti Albani post visitacionem.

Omnimodam reverenciam tanto patri debitam cum honore. Reverende pater et domine, novi satis quod innata vobis bonitas et grandis affeccio quam geritis ad augmentum religionis monastice, vos appetere faciunt prospera audire de personis monasterii nostri, quia solet esse de infirmis applausus iocundior, cum affuerit sanitas non sperata. Scire velit vestra paternitas reverenda, quod a tempore quo suscepit onus regiminis monasterii nostri, fratres mei omnes et singuli, spretis insolencias, si quibus dediti fuerint, sancte religioni se aptant in omnibus et conformant, et quicquid boni agendum sit, gratis perficiunt non coacti; floret inter nos mutua dileccio, viget caritas, et quilibet de fratris sui prosperitate letatur integre tanquam de sua, et hii de quibus fuit presumpcio ad obliquum, sic sua opera moderantur, quod ablata vetustate efficiuntur in omnibus novi viri. Credo firmiter quod torpente pastore vel a gregis custodia totaliter desistente, oves faciliter feruntur in devium, et meo iudicio sunt quodammodo excusandi, nam si quilibet seipsum sciret perfecte custodire et dirigere in agendis, non esset necessarius ordo vel dignitas prelatorum. Sane pater reverende, quicquam fuerat in monasterio nostro horridum vel enorme, taliter est

¹ Hamo de Offynton, 1364-83.

mediante Dei et vestro adiutorio reformatum, quod si fas esset antiquorum locorum nomina permutare, locus noster posset dici verius Pax quam Bellum. Placeat paternitati vestre precipere michi vestro, siquid possem facere vestris votis, quia ad vestra precepta me invenietis in omnibus satis promptum, nam bona fide pre ceteris mortalibus de reverenda paternitate vestra fiduciam habeo specialem, quam ad augmentum religionis monastice custodiatur ipse Deus.

[222. *The abbot of Whitby reports to the abbot of St. Mary's York, president, on the financial state of his monastery; cf. Nos. 350-4, below. 10 Dec., 1366.]*

[Parchment $10\frac{1}{4}$ x 16 in : there is no sign of seal attachment: perhaps only a copy Endorsed : [43 struck through] 10 [interlin]. Acta visitacionis apud Whiteby per abbatem sancte Marie Ebor', 1^a 2^e ciste]

Durham Misc. Ch. 2603.

Venerabili in Christo patri domino Willelmo¹ Dei gracia abbati monasterii beate Marie Ebor', uni de presidentibus capitulo generali nigrorum monachorum in Anglia, frater Willelmus abbas monasterii de Whitby² eiusdem ordinis, obedientiam in hac parte debitam cum reverencia et honore. Nuper vos ad monasterium nostrum accedentes³ quandam monitionem seu iniunctionem nobis et conventui nostro fecistis sub hac forma :

Nos Willelmus abbas monasterii beate Marie Ebor', unus de presidentibus capitulo generali nigrorum monachorum in Anglia, iniungimus vobis domino abbati, priori, ac singulis monachis monasterii de Whitby, ut citra festum sancti Nicholai proximo futurum⁴ redigatis in scripturam sigillatam sigillo vestro communi statum monasterii vestri predicti, inserentes plene in eadem omnes redditus et proventus ad dictum monasterium spectantes, una cum debitibus et aliis oneribus vobis et monasterio vestro incumbentibus, et qualiter comodius et utilius vestri iudicio vivere poteritis de futuro, ac scripturam huiusmodi consignatam nobis Eboraci infra octo dies tunc sequentes transmittatis, et circa premissa vos omnes et singuli debitam diligenciam apponatis.

¹ Will Marreys, 1359-82.

² Will de Burton, 1355-74.

³ The abbot of St Mary's York and Utred of Boldon had made a special visitation of Whitby, c. 12 Oct., 1366; for the proceedings of this, see Addenda, below, Nos 350-4; cf. especially No 354

⁴ Dec. 6

Volentes igitur vestris mandatis et iniunctionibus, prout tenebamur, in hac parte reverenter obedire, circa festum sancti Martini ultimo preteritum¹ priori et confratribus conventum monasterii nostri facientibus mandavimus et iniunximus, ut mandatis et iniunctionibus vestris, quatenus ad eos pertinuit, obedirent, ac certas personas dicti conventus sibi eligerent, per quos huiusmodi scriptura continens premissa in forma mandati vestri fieri poterit et effectualiter compleri, sic quod ad terminum statutum poterit vestra discrecio cerciorari de premissis, ut mandastis. Et quia prior et monachi conventus nostri in execuzione premissorum nimis distulerunt et remissi fuerant, iterum circa festum sancti Andree apostoli ultimo preteritum² considerantes quod terminus nobis ad faciendum premissa statutus et assignatus fuerat in propinquo, et quia conventus aliquas personas ad premissa eligere recusavit, fratres Matheum Dawnay priorem dicti monasterii, Iohannem de Richmund,³ Willelmum de Hayton, et Reginaldum de Esington⁴ monachos nostros de premissis ac de omnibus facultatibus monasterii nostri et statu eiusdem certam et indubitatem habentes noticiam eligimus et assumpsimus ad premissa omnia facienda et debite complenda. Quibus in virtute obediencie et sub gravibus penis et censuris iniunximus, ut omnia et singula premissa et scripturam huiusmodi debite facerent et exequerentur, prout in omnibus virtute huius monitionis vestre fuerit faciendum. Qui quidem prior et monachi ad quamplura loca ad monasterium nostrum spectancia⁵ personaliter declinarunt, ac secundum districcionem eorundem et per iuramenta eorundem et aliorum fide dignorum de premissis noticiam habencium scripturam huiusmodi in dictis locis fieri fecerunt. Et licet idem prior et monachi in receptis et recipiendis pro anno iam instanti ad invicem secundum estimacionem concordarunt, dicti tamen Matheus et Iohannes de Richmund et alii sibi adherentes certificatorum vobis transmittendum sigillo communi sigillare non curarunt, set expresse recusarunt, sique huiusmodi negotium absque culpa nostra fuerat per non modica tempora delatum. Et demum considerantes quod premissa sine mangno tumultu nequierant expediri ut mandastis, nec sigillum commune quovismodo habere potuimus, presens certificatorium seu scripturam sigillo officii nostri consignatam vobis transmittimus ex assensu et consensu dictorum fratrum Willelmi de Hayton et

¹ Nov. 11. ² Nov. 30 ³ afterwards abbot of Whitby, 1374-93.

⁴ Sacrist in 1393: *Cartularium Abb. de Whiteby* (Surtees Soc., 1878), I, 316.

⁵ scripturancia MS.

Reginaldi de Esington et aliorum quamplurium de conventu nostro scriptam et firmatam, cuius scripture tenor talis est:

Redditus et proventus monasterii de Whytby, ut creditur, a festo sancti Martini in anno Domini millesimo CCC^{mo} sexagesimo sexto usque ad idem festum anno Domini revoluto.¹

Estimatur de ecclesia nostra de Semer ad valorem cj.li. xij.s. iiiij.d.

De ecclesia de Hakenesse lx.li. xxij.d.

De ecclesia de Whytby iij^{xx}. xvij.li. xij.s. ix.d.

De ecclesia de Aytoun in Clyfland xxxj.li. vj.s. viij.d.

De ecclesia de Ingelby xij.li. xv.s. iiiij.d.

De ecclesia de Crosseby in Westmorland xxxij.li. xvij.s. ix.d.

De pensionibus ecclesiarum nostri patronatus vij.li. xij.s. iiiij.d.

De porcionibus in ecclesiis alienis x.li.

Summa spiritualium ccclvij.li. xij.s. iiij.d.²

De temporalibus

In redditibus assise per annum c.iiij^{xx}. viij.li. iij.s. j.d. ob.

De Neuham in Clyfland viij.li.

De manerio de Hakenesse xj.li. ix.s. v.d.

De manerio de Fyling v.li. xvij.d.

De manerio Mordelwod³ v.li. iiiij.s.

De manerio de Hakenessegarth lij.s.

De tribus grangiis nostris manibus propriis existentibus vj.li. xij.s. iiiij.d.

De lanis nostris propriis de stauro xxij.li.

De tolnetis et custummis ville de Whytby x.li.

De curiis et attachiamentis xl.s.

De expansione⁴ recium super terram abbatis in estate xlvj.s. viij.d.

De gersummis iij.li. vj.s. viij.d.

De firma more iiiij.li.

De pratis vendendis vij.li. ix.s. iiiij.d.

De quadam vaccaria xxx.s.

De vendicione bosci iij.li. vj.s. viij.d.

De aliis minutis proficuis vj.li. vj.s. ij.d.

Summa temporalium ccijj^{xx}. xj.li. ix.s. iij.d.⁵

Summa omnium spiritualium et temporalium dcl.li.
iiij.s. iij.d.

¹ This estimate may be compared with the accounts for 1394-5, 1396-7,
Cart. Abb. de Whiteby, 11, 553-85.

² sic, for xiij. s.

³ sic.

⁴ expansione MS.

⁵ corr. from iiij.d.

Expense

Isti sunt proventus locati pre manibus ad certos terminos,
De ecclesia de Semer a festo pentecostes pro termino unius anni
xv.li. vj.s. viij.d.

De ecclesia de Hakenesse ad terminum trium annorum a festo
supradicto xj.li.

De ecclesia de Whytby ad terminum unius anni vj.li.

De altaragio de Asilby et Dunsley ad terminum unius anni a
festo supradicto iij.li. vj.s. viij.d.

De ecclesia de Aiton in Clifland de altaragio eiusdem ad ter-
minum iiiij annorum et dimidii x.li.

De Tunstall et Nunthorpe ad eandem ecclesiam spectantibus ad
terminum unius anni et dimidii iij.li. vj.s. viij.d.

De ecclesia de Ingelby ad terminum v annorum et dimidii a
festo supradicto vj.li. xij.s. iiiij.d.

De ecclesia de Crosseby vj.li. vj.s. viij.d.

De Spitelthorpe et Kyrkethorpe ibidem ad terminum xj annorum
a festo supradicto xl.s.

Item ibidem de lanis venditis et allocatis ad predictum terminum
xlivij.s. v.d. ob.; que omnia locata fuerunt pre manibus pro utili-
tate monasterii cum consilio¹ conventus sub sigillo nostro com-
muni.

De aqua de Eske et molendino de Riswarpe ad terminum viij
annorum et dimidii a festo supradicto vj.li. xij.s. iiiij.d.

De molendino de Hakenesse ad terminum unius anni ix.li.
vj.s. viij.d.

De tolnetis et custummis ville de Whytby ad terminum unius
anni x.li.

De Neuham in Clifland viij.li.

Summa istius locat' annuatim se extendit ad ciij.li. iij.s. j.d.

Item expense ecclesiarum nostrarum se extendunt in toto prout
communiter annuatim ad xl.li. xj.s. ix.d. ob.

Item expense maneriorum se extendunt ad iij.li. xv.s. vj.d.

Summa omnium locat' cum expensis ecclesiarum nostrarum
predictarum et expensis maneriorum predictorum nostrorum se
extendunt in toto ad c.xl.vij.li. x.s. iiiij.d. ob.

Et sic remanent de claro quingente due li. xij.s. x.d.

Expense necessarie annuatim faciente pro domo nostra secun-
dum estimacionem nostram

In primis pro ccx quarteris frumenti et dc. bras' avene emen-

¹ consul' MS.

dis annuatim pro sustentacione abbacie, hospitum et corrodiorum
clx.li. xxxix.s. viij.d.

Item pro vino per annum vij.li. xij.s. iiij.d.

Item pro iiij^{xx}. v. quarteriis frumenti emendis pro metcorne
serviencium ad grangiam xxxiiij.li. ix.s.

Item pro expensis annuatim coquine c.li.

Item pro xlxi quarteriis frumenti ij estrikis et dim. et iiiij
quarteriis dim. ordei venditis diversis corrodioribus ad ter-
minum vite antequam in abbatem eramus electi, se extendunt ad
xxij.li. xxij.d. ob.

Item in iiij^{xx}. quarteriis avene emendis pro prebenda equorum
et aliorum necessariorum viij.li.

Item pro focali annuatim xj.li. v.s. viij.d.

Item pro cariacione bladorum et focalis xxij.li. xix.s. vj.d.

Item in pensionibus perpetuis viij.li. ix.s. x.d.

Item in pensionibus ad terminum vite xxj.li.

Item pro communi liberacione pannorum xvij.li. xx.d.

Item pro expensis abbatis et monachorum pro negotiis domus
communiter annuatim xj.li. xij.s. iiiij.d.

Item pro expensis abbatis et monachorum ad maneria pro
solacis suis xl.s.

Item pro conductu aque abbacie v.li.

Item pro stipendiis famulorum infra abbaciam ix.li. xij.s. j.d.

Item pro operibus infra curiam abbacie iiij.li.

Item pro donis dandis iiij.li.

Item pro expensis circa fenum faciendum pro stauro bidentium
et equis infra abbaciam viij.li. xij.s.

Item pro sustentacione animalium et custodis eorundem viij.li.
vij.s.

Item pro speciebus iij.li.

Item pro certis necessariis minutis expensis, que de facili non
possunt numerari xj.li. vj.s. vj.d. ob.

Summa istarum expensarum cccc.iiij^{xx}.iij.li. viij.s. viij.d.

Et sic computatis computandis et allocatis allocandis remanent
pro debitibus solvendis in anno presenti, nisi alia onera superveniunt,
xx.li. argenti tantum secundum estimacionem nostram et aliorum
fidei signorum iuratorum, que non possunt sufficere ad medietatem
debitorum solvendam in anno presenti.

Et siendum est quod omnia debita nostri monasterii modo se
extendunt ad clxvij.li. viij.s. v.d.

Et tempore creationis nostre in abbatem se extenderunt ad

ccccxix.li. v.s. viij.d., ut patet per quoddam inventarium communi sigillo nostro signatum,¹ cuius copia vobis liberavimus, prout scitis.

Et sic exoneratur domus tempore nostro in ccli.li. xvij.s. iiij.d. propter² innumeratas vexaciones et rerum ammissiones quasi importabiles sine culpa nostra, que si non fuissent credebamus monasterium nostrum a debitibus exonerasse.

Item sciendum est quod ad officium sacriste spectant per annum xxij.li. xij.s.

Item ad officium elemosinarii spectant iiiij.li. xij.s. iiij.d.

Item ad infirmarium spectant iij.li. iiiij.s. viij.d.

Item ad officium precentoris xl.s.

Item ad hostellarium xv.s.

Item ad lumen altare beate Marie per annum xvij.s.

Item ad refectorarium xvij.s.

Item ad officium operis iiiij.li. ij.s.

Item ad officium camere nostre xx.li. secundum estimacionem.

Summa lx.li. xij.d.

De predictis officiis de corrodio cuiusdam monachi vendendo in domo propria ac de sella nostra de Midelburgh oportet levare expensas nostri monachi studentis.

Et sic recepta officiorum vix sufficiunt ad sustentacionem eorundem cum contribucione facienda scolari nostro supradicto.

Item sunt in stauro m^l.ccc.vij. bidentes et centum. xj. animalia alia exceptis bobus ad maneria pro carucis.

Paternitatem vestram reverendam conservet Altissimus per tempora diu et feliciter in Domino duratura. Datum sub sigillo officii nostri apud monasterium de Whytby die Iovis proximo post festum sancti Nicholai episcopi anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo lxyjto.

Et memorandum quod preter premissa habemus ad maneria nostra carucas arrantes videlicet apud Stakesby quatuor carucas, apud Lathegarth ij carucas, apud Whytbylathes ij carucas, apud Midelwod ij carucas, apud Fyling' ij carucas.

¹ Cf. the inventory made on the accession of Thomas de Bolton in 1394, *Cart. Abb. de Whiteby*, 1, 318-22: cf Const. Benedict, XII, c. 13

² sic, for preter?

[223. *The prior of Norwich [?] writes to thank another prelate, perhaps a president, for a favour received in the last chapter, and to disclaim a supposed grievance [c. 1367].*]

Bodleian, MS. Tanner 342, fo. 109 [Norwich].

Salutem cum reverencia et honore debitum tanto patri. Pater reverende, de honore ecclesie nostre et nobis in persona confratris et commonachi nostri prioris celle nostre N. procuratoris nostri in capitulo generali ordinis nostri ultimo celebrato per vos impenso,¹ necnon literis vestris graciiosis, quas nuper nobis scripsistis, noviter tamen repertas pariter et recensitas, illas quas valemus, non quas vellemus, vobis acciones referimus graciarum; quarum literarum tenore perpenso, comperimus in eisdem vos intellexisse quamdam ingratitudinem pariter et offensam in abduxione cuiusdam adolescentis nobis et ecclesie nostre illatas, quibusdam de vestris nos imposuisse; super qua quidem impositione pretensa scire velitis nos fuisse penitus immunes, nec contra aliquem de vestris uncquam talia cogitasse; et licet in ea parte sinistrum aliquod audivissemus, huic tamen fidem nullatenus adhiberemus, attendentes quod uni parti cum discrimine alterius credere non possumus nec debemus,² ut ait Nicholaus papa scribens archiepiscopo Sennonensi, quod iuxta sanctorum patrum instituta in prelatis nedum in subditis est diligenter observandum, ut false et maligne criminacioni ianua precludatur. Super quibus, et quare tam tarde vobis rescripsimus, ad vestram paternitatem reverendam pro excusacione nostra dilectum confratrem et commonachum nostrum fratrem A. de E. [?]³ latorem presencium destinamus, cui super premissis et aliis vestre paternitati reverende ex parte nostra oretenus plenius exponendis fidem si placet adhibere curetis, et si quid penes nos fieri volueritis, id quantum nobis erit possibile fieri faciemus. Ad regimen dominici gregis vobis commissi vos conservet incolumem omnium Pastor bonus.

[224. Indenture between Thomas [de la Mare, 1349–96] abbot of St. Albans and Nicholas [Litlington 1362–86] abbot of Westminster, presidents of the provincial chapter, and the abbey of Malmesbury, about receiving students at Gloucester College,

¹ probably the monk in question was appointed a diffinitor or a preacher.
² Cf. *Decretum*, II, III, ix, 13. ³ perhaps Adam Easton?

Oxford. 5 Nov., 1367. Printed in *Snappa's Formulary* (*Oxf. Hist. Soc.*, 1924), p. 381.]

NOTE ON NOS. 225 AND 226.

In MS Arundel 2, the letter-book of abbot Walter de Monyton of Glastonbury, the twenty-fourth year of the abbot ends, Sept., 1366, on fo. 85: the rest of the quire is filled with miscellaneous documents, e.g. fo. 85^v = 12 Mar [1367], fo. 86 = 1293, fo. 84^v undated, fo. 87^v = 1262. From a marginal note on fo. 84^v it seems that there was another register (now lost?), beginning with the twenty-fifth year. The abbot died in 1374.

The letters printed below probably belong to the year 1369. The pestilence referred to may well be the *pestis tercia* of 1368-9. The writers, the abbots of St. Albans and Bury St Edmunds, had presided at the chapter of 1366 (see No. 149 above): it seems here implied that at the coming chapter, St Albans would drop out, and Bury and Glastonbury would preside. The fact that Durham sent a proxy in 1370, not 1369 (see below, p. 210), and the gap in the list of chapters in *Liber Niger Quaternus* (No. 149 above) suggest that the chapters did get thrown into disorder about 1369-70.

[225. *The abbot of St. Albans, president, to the abbot of Glastonbury, future president, deprecating a postponement of the coming provincial chapter. 5 Aug. [1369?].*]

Brit. Mus. MS. Arundel 2, fo. 87 [Glastonbury].

Reverendo in Christo patri ac domino domino Dei gracia abbatii monasterii Glaston'.

Reverendissime pater et domine, ex literarum vestrarum michi per latorem presencium transmissarum tenore concepi, quod in proximo assignato futuro provinciali nostri ordinis capitulo, tum propter varias regni inimicorum insidias, et precipue marinas, tum propter pestilenciam gravem in partibus vestrīs ingruentem, interesse personaliter non potestis; et quod prelati vicini ad idem capitulum die et loco pro eodem celebrando statutis, ex causis premissis non audent se transferre. Unde affectatis quod usque ad diem lune proximum post festum invencionis sancte crucis, vel ad alium diem, quem compresidentes mei et ego duxerimus ordinandum, dicti capitulo celebracio differatur, quodque de die huiusmodi et loco celebracionis predicte prelati parcium mearum per aliquem de

meis sint celeriter premuniti, et vos consimilem premunicationem prelatis parcium vestrarum in eisdem literis vestris promittitis vos facturos. Verum venerandissime pater, quia dilacio seu prorogacio capituli huiusmodi actus est capitularis, nec extra capitulum fieri legitime posset, ac licet compresidencium meorum et mei potestas, quoad actus extracapitulares usque ad proximum futurum capitulum assignatum habeat perdurare, quo tamen ad capitulares¹ actus officio nostro functi sumus; oportet igitur capitulum huiusmodi proximum die et loco pro eodem celebrando assignatis, saltem quo ad certos actus, de quibus et prout in literis meis vobis in hac parte una cum literis reverendi patris domini monasterii de Bury abbatis compresidentis mei transmissis plenius continetur, per vos et collegas vestros, vel duos vestrum, seu per unum vestrum commissionem ab aliis collegis suis aut saltem ab altero eorumdem in hac parte habentem, vel ad minus per abbates alios dicti ordinis, quibus vos et college vestri aut duo vestrum duxeritis in hac parte, ex causis premissis in commissionibus vestris presertim, cum hoc prius visum non extiterit, exprimendis, committere vices vestras, nisi expiare et subduci quod absit penitus debeatur, omnino celebrari. Placeat igitur paternitati vestre reverende ad honorem et comodum dicti nostri ordinis, cuius zelatorem precipuum fiducialiter vos reputo, et pro conservacione et continuacione dicti capituli et celebracionis eiusdem, ne pereat, ut prefertur, collegis vestris coniunctim et divisim, et in eventu quo neuter eorumdem forsitan ad dictum capitulum accesserit, de Thorney, de Colchestr', de Crouland, et de Eynesham monasteriis, Eliensis, Londoniensis et Lincolniensis diocesum, abbatibus, dicti nostri ordinis, eciam communiter et divisim, ad presidendum pro vobis et nomine vestro in dicto proximo futuro assignato iam capitulo huiusmodi, et omnia et singula officio vestro in ea parte incumbencia cum collegis vestris seu eorum altero aut eorum vel alterius eorumdem commissariis seu commissario faciendum, excercendum, et expediendum, eciam si talia fuerint, que commissionem specialem exigant et requirant, cum cohercionis canonice potestate, committere vices vestras: et sum certus quod dictus venerabilis pater dominus abbas monasterii de Bury collega vester vices suas committet consimiliter in hac parte, ad vitandum periculum discontinuacionis capituli memorati. In zelo sanctissime religionis, et conservacionis honoris et profectus dicti nostri ordinis, ac celebracionis et continuacionis laudabilis et salubris dicti capituli, efficacisque execucionis spectare debencium ad officium future

¹ interlin.

presidencie vestre Redemptor noster vos conservet. Scriptum apud sanctum Albanum v^{to} die mensis Augusti i. Abbas monasterii sancti Albani.

[226. *The abbot of Bury St. Edmunds, president, to the abbot of Glastonbury, against the postponement of the coming chapter. 9 Aug. [1369 ?].*]

MS. Arundel 2, fo. 87^v [Glastonbury].

Venerabili in Christo patri ac domino, domino abbati monasterii Glaston'.

Reverendissime pater, de impedimentis vestris et nostris consimilibus veniendi ad capitulum intimius condolemus, dictum tamen capitulum differre prout tenor literarum vestrarum exigit, quomodo poterimus canonice non videmus, eo quod summi pontifices per constitutiones ordinis nostri et canones, dictum capitulum de triennio in triennium precipiunt celebrari, nec possunt inferiores legem superioris, ut credimus, tollere in hac parte, nec possunt presidentes, quorum potestas de capitulo ad capitulum precise se extendit, extra capitulum, nec eciam in capitulo sine consensu subditorum, iurisdictionem suam ulterius prorogare. Expediret igitur, ut videtur, pro conservacione ordinis nostri et capitulo, vos et vestros collegas copresidentes ex causis in literis vestris assignatis duobus vel tribus abbatibus seu prioribus Norhampton' vicinioribus vices vestras coniunctim et divisim committere, ad presidendum in capitulo et expediendum omnia et singula, que per vos in huiusmodi capitulo possent et deberent canonice expediri, eciam si talia fuerint que mandatum speciale exigant et requirant. Litteras huiusmodi commissionis, quas nomine vestro et collegarum vestrorum in hac parte duxeritis faciendum, cum ad nos pervenerint, consignemus : quibus peractis, ceteros prelatos de partibus nostris, ut saltem procuratorem mittant ad capitulum, ut tenentur, faciemus legitime premuniri. Ad honorem et regimen ordinis nostri vos conservet Altissimus in longevum. Scriptum celeriter apud Elmeswell nono die mensis Augusti .i. per abbatem de Bury.

[227. *The abbot of Battle, visitor appointed by the provincial chapter, makes an unsuccessful attempt to visit Christ Church Canterbury. July, 1375.]*

Canterbury Cathedral, Register G, fo. 215 (or 210).

¹ *Notetur infrascripta litera patefaciens quomodo abbas de Bello ad tunc visitator per capitulum generale deputatus presumebat visitare ecclesiam istam Can', sed passus est repulsam, prout patet inferius.*¹

Reverende religionis viro domino Hamoni Dei gracia abbati de Bello, ordinis sancti Benedicti, Cicestrensis diocesis [in generali]² capitulo eiusdem ordinis Anglicane provincie Norhamton' celebrato a presidentibus tunc ibidem ad visitandum omnia et singula monasteria eiusdem ordinis in diocesibus Cantuariensi et Roffensi visitatori ut dicitur deputato, Ricardus³ permissione divina prior ecclesie Christi Cantuar' et eiusdem loci capitulum, salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Literas vestras quinto idus Iunii⁴ ultimo preterito recepimus sub eo qui sequitur tenore :

Venerabilibus et religiosis viris domino priori ecclesie Christi Cantuar' et eiusdem loci conventui, Hamo permissione divina⁵ abbas monasterii de Bello ordinis sancti Benedicti Cicestrensis diocesis, in generali capitulo eiusdem ordinis Anglicane provincie Northampton' ultimo celebrato a presidentibus tunc ibidem visitator ordinatus et legitime deputatus, ad visitandum omnia et singula monasteria sive loca eiusdem ordinis in Cantuariensi et Roffensi diocesibus, super et de statu ipsorum monasteriorum sive locorum, tam in temporalibus, quam in spiritualibus, ac de observancia regulari in eisdem diligenter ac salubriter inquirendum, necnon ad corrigendum et reformandum ea que in hac parte correccione vel reformacione viderimus indigere, ac omnia et singula, que ad huiusmodi visitacionis officium de iure vel de consuetudine spectare noscuntur, debite inibi exercendum, salutem et fraterne dilectionis continuum incrementum. Cupientes visitacionis huiusmodi officium nobis iniunctum, ut premittitur, in hac parte convenienter exequi, ut tenemur, vosque de accessu nostro occasione huiusmodi legitime prenumire, vobis duximus plenius intimandum, quod personas vestras omnes et singulas ac prioratum vestrum predictum tricesimo die mensis Iulii cum continuacione et prorogacione prout opus fuerit

¹⁻¹ added in the top margin, in another, apparently later hand.

² illegible : rubbed away.

⁴ sic ; for Julii ; 11 July, cf. below.

³ Richard Gillingham, 1370-6.

⁵ om MS

dierum extunc sequencium in domo vestra capitulari et hora capituli consueta intendimus et volumus, ut nobis in hac parte incumbit, per nos seu alium vel alias, prout committere duximus,¹ dante Domino visitare, ac alia omnia et singula ad officium visitacionis huiusmodi, ut predictitur, spectancia, prout saluti animarum vestrarum videbitur expedire, divina mediante gracia exercere. Ad quem igitur diem cum continuacione et prorogacione huiusmodi, ut premittitur, vos dominum priorem premunimus per presentes, et per vos omnes et singulos vestri dicti prioratus monachos et confratres tam presentes quam absentes similiter volumus premuniri; mandantes ut coram nobis seu nostro in hac parte commissario vel commissariis in visitacione huiusmodi, prout tenemini et tenentur, intersitis et intersint,² compareatis et compareant dictis die et loco ac hora eciam competenti eandem visitacionem nostram, ut convenit, subituri, facturi et recepturi in hac parte, quod regulares et canonice dictaverunt sancções, qualitasque et natura negotiis visitacionis nostre prelibate exigunt et requirunt. De die vero receptionis presencium et quid vestra unanimitas in premissis duxerit faciendum, nos vel nostrum in hac parte commissarium vel commissarios predictis die et loco certificare curetis per literas vestras patentes harum seriem³ ac omnium confratrum vestrorum nomina et cognomina in scedula certificatoria vestro annexa dilucide continententes. In quorum omnium testimonium presentibus literis [9 July, 1375.] premunitoriis⁴ sigillum nostrum duximus apponendum. Datum in manerio nostro de Wachyndenn' nono die mensis Iulii anno Domini millesimo CCC^o lxxv^o.

Verum quia diu ante receptionem literarum vestrarum predictarum certi tenoris literas inhibitorias reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri domini Simonis Dei gratia Cantuariensis archiepiscopi, tocius Anglie primatis et apostolice sedis legati receperimus, quarum tenor talis est :

⁵ *Litera d[omi]ni arc[hie]pisco[pi] contra a[bbatem] de Be[llo]* ⁵

Simon permissione divina Cantuariensis archiepiscopus,⁶ tocius Anglie primas et apostolice sedis legatus, dilectis filiis priori ecclesie nostre Cantuar', salutem graciam et benedictionem. Cum vos prior

¹ *for duxerimus?*

³ *vel struck through.*

⁵⁻⁶ added in later hand in right margin : partly rubbed and cut away.

⁶ Simon Sudbury (1375-81), this must have been one of his earliest acts, on his translation to Canterbury

² *intersunt MS.*

⁴ *corrected from premunitoriis.*

et capitulum predictum nobis tam ¹ metropolitico quam legacionis iure sedis apostolice speciali et nulli alii nobis inferiori, quo ad omnia et singula statum, reformacionem ac correxionem vestrorum et dictae nostre ecclesie concernentia totaliter subiciamini et subiecti sitis; nullusque ² nobis inferior mandando, visitando aut inquirendo de vobis aut ³ statu ecclesie nostre predice sine nostris auctoritate et mandato intromittere debeat aut possit quovismodo; cum eadem ecclesia nostra prima et preeminenſ sit ac primacialis omnium ecclesiarum tocius regni Anglie multis privilegiis et exemptionibus Romanorum pontificum multipliciter et specialiter pre aliis munita existat; nosque eandem ecclesiam sponsam nostram ac vos filios speciales nostros iuraque et libertates eiusdem ecclesie nostre sancctionibus canonicis ac iuramento nostro speciali a molestacionibus, iniuriis et gravaminibus quibuscumque protegere et conservare pro viribus omnino teneamur; nuper tamen ad nostrum ex relacione fideſigna pervenit auditum, quod religiosus vir abbas de Bello Cicesteris diocesis ordinis sancti Benedicti, pretendens se visitatorem per presidentes generalis capituli nigrorum monachorum in Anglia deputatum, in vos aut ecclesiam nostram predictam nullam hab[ens] ^{fo. 215v.} iurisdictionem aut potestatem, iura nostra metropolitica temere usurpare libertatesque et immunitates dicte ecclesie ausu temerario infringere satagens, vos et ⁴ ecclesiam nostram antedictam visitare se velle iniuste comminatus est, in nostri et ecclesie nostre predice preiudicium non modicum et gravamen. Quare vobis tenore presencium in virtute sancte obediencie, qua nobis tenemini, firmiter inibemus, districcius iniungentes, ne dictum abbatem visitatorem predictum pretensem aut aliquem alium illius capituli generalis nomine sine nostro mandato speciali ad visitacionis seu inquisitionis officium seu alium actum iuridicum in vos seu dictam ecclesiam nostram exercendum aliqualiter recipiatis seu admittatis nobis inconsultis quovismodo. Datum Lond' sub sigillo nostro quo utimur ad presens, viij^o idus Iunii anno Domini millesimo CCC^o lxxv^o et nostre translacionis primo.

[7 June,
1375.]

Vobis igitur tenore presencium innotescimus, quod visitacionem vestrarum predictam subire, seu contentis in litteris vestrarum predictis aliqualiter parere, vos seu alium ipsius capituli generalis nomine visitatorem huiusmodi admittere non audemus nec valemus quovismodo, obstantibus inhibitoriis et pena supradictis. Datum in [14 July,
domo nostra capitulari Cant' sub sigillo nostro communij idus Iulii anno Domini supradicto.

¹ tanquam MS.

² vob struck through.

³ de erased.

⁴ interlin.

[228. *Edmund Bromfield, monk of Bury St. Edmunds, after incepting at Oxford in 1373 (Monasticon, III, 110, note f.), is appointed proctor in the Court of Rome: per mediationem quorundam¹ apud Norhampton in generali capitulo nigrorum monachorum factus fuit generalis procurator eiusdem ordinis, ad effectum ut ipse, in Romana curia residens, predictum ordinem ab omni incommmodo quantum foret ei possibile defensaret (Memorials of St. Edmund's Abbey, ed. T. Arnold (R.S., 1896), III, 115). This must have been in the Chapter of 1375 or 1378; for in 1379 Bromfield procured his own provision to the Abbey of St. Edmunds, with formidable consequences (cf. op. cit., III, 113-24, 131-7).]*

[229. *Adam Easton writes from the Court of Rome, to the abbot of Westminster, asking for copies of some of Wyclif's writings. 18 Nov. [1376 ?].*]

[Original: paper, 6 x 11½in., torn at the bottom and injured by folds. The letter, addressed to Nicholas Litlington, abbot of Westminster, 1362-86, deals in the first part with the bequests of Cardinal Langham to Westminster. The writer's name is partly missing, but he is almost certainly Adam Easton, of Norwich (cf. p. 28 above), who was one of Langham's executors, and at that time at Avignon. Langham died at Avignon 22 July, 1376, and his bequests were finally received at Westminster 11 March, 1378. The prior referred to, Richard de Merston, went to Avignon to take charge of Langham's goods, arriving there 11 Oct., 1376; there are two other letters about the bequests, dated 14 Oct. and 6 Nov. The prior apparently intended to go on to Rome in November, and died, perhaps abroad, about 1377: the date is uncertain. (Pearce, *Monks of Westminster*, pp. 93, 102, 95; *Church Quarterly Review*, 1908, p. 363.) This letter, therefore, seems to belong to 1376, or, less probably, 1377. It is, of course, highly important as showing Easton's zeal for the order, and his quickness in perceiving the danger of Wyclif's attacks. He may have been at this time proctor in Curia for the English Black Monks, but more probably that office was now held by Edmund Bromfield.]

*Westm. Abbey. Mun. 9229.**

Reverende pater et domine, recepi literas vestras cum reverencia sicut decet, et omnia contenta in eisdem, saltem quantum ad legata vestre ecclesie, presente domino Richardo priore hodie sunt impleta, nec restat aliquid de legatis, quin in rebus vel in pecunia vestre ecclesie et presencie destinatur, et sub tali securitate, quod ecclesia vestra non poterit perdere de transmissis. Et omnia vestra bona

¹ The abbot of Bury was one of the presidents about this time: cf. No. 230, below.

legata semper in manibus talium extiterunt, in quibus maiorem confidenciam habuistis. Et illi ecclesia vestra precipue obligatur, qui ad legatorum cumulacionem et vestimentorum et librorum aggregationem in domini nostri premordiis in statu cardinalatus amplius laboravit. Quomodo perve[nient?] dicta ecclesie vestre bona ad villam de Brugis, lator presencium dicet vobis, et alii de omnibus lacius descripserunt. Revera nova nescio de presenti, sed me ut alias vobis et vestre ecclesie offero ad singula beneplacita preparatum, et suppliciter vestram paternitatem et cordialiter interpollo, quatenus per studentes vestros¹ possim habere copiam dictorum cuiusdam² magistri Iohannis Wyclif, que contra ordinem nostrum, sicut dicitur, in Oxonia seminavit, quia scribitur michi quod fortiter impegit contra ordinem nostrum; set non possum dictorum copiam obtainere. Et quia vos estis de ordine pater et dominus principalis, supplico ut ordinetur per vestros quod potero dictorum copiam obtainere, et eorum que eciam contra ecclesiam disputavit, et copiam cuiusdem libelli quem edidit de potestate regali per diversa capitula idem doctor. Et libenter refundam expensas pro scrip[tori]bus et laborantibus pro eisdem. Et iterum supplico pro negocio antedicto, et *vestram paternitatem* equivalenter in aliis compensabo, et faciam quod a maioribus [. . .]us habebitis gracia singulares. *Vestram paternitatem* conservet Altissimus per tempora diurna. Scriptum Avinione xvij die Novermbris.

[? . . Se]rvitor vestre paternitatis
Ad[am ? Esto]n' monachus Norwyc'.

[endorsed :]

Reverendo in Christo patri et domino, domino N. abbati Westmon', domino suo precarissimo.

[230. Provocacio monachi causa iniurie inferende seu illate.

Notarial instrument to the effect that Reginald de Lamburn', monk of St. Mary's York, S.T.P., in priest's orders, fearing attacks from his enemies upon his status and good fame, appeals to the Holy See directly, et dominos abbates monasteriorum de Malmesbur' et sancti Edmundi de Burgo, dicti ordinis presi-

¹ At Gloucester College, Oxford.

² This and the following rather uncertain phrases would hardly have been written after the Bulls condemning Wyclif in May, 1377.

dentes in Anglia, vel eorum aliquem, coniunctim vel divisim, pro tuicione. *Dated in the chamber of the said Reginald at St. Mary's York, 28 Jan., 1376/7: present, John de B., priest; Robert de B., clerk; Thomas de Fityng, notary. Cambridge Univ. Library MS. Ee, IV, 20, fo. 102 [Wyntershull, St. Albans].*

[230A. Inhibicio facta priori et capitulo ecclesie Cant' ne presidentes monachorum nigri ordinis admittant ad visitacionis officium, domino inconsulto. *Simon [Sudbury], Archbishop of Canterbury, hearing that religiosi viri . . . presidentes generalis capituli nigrorum monachorum ordinis sancti Benedicti in Anglia per deputatum seu deputatos hac occasione ab eisdem threaten to visit the prior and chapter of Canterbury, forbids them to receive the presidents or their deputies, sine nostro mandato speciali. [The form is similar to the prohibition in No. 227.] Dated Saltwood, 7 Aug. [1377]. Lambeth, Reg. Sudbury, fo. 40v.*]

[230B. Mandatum citacionis pro visitacione prioris et capituli ecclesie Cant' et inhibicio eis facta ne aliquos religiosos admittant pro visitacione eorundem sine mandato domini. *Simon [Sudbury], Archbishop of Canterbury, intending to visit the prior and chapter of Canterbury on 1 July, and hearing that quidam religiosi viri vestri ordinis sancti Benedicti threaten to visit them, forbids them to receive the visitors, in terms similar to No. 227. Dated Oftord, 1 June, 1378. Lambeth, Reg. Sudbury, fo. 48v.*]

[230C. Litera generalis inhibitoria ne religiosi extranei eos visent. *Simon [Sudbury], Archbishop of Canterbury, having cited the prior and chapter of Canterbury for visitation on 1 July, hears that quidam . . . religiosi viri ordinis predicti [O.S.B.], presidentes eiusdem ordinis se pretendentes, intend to visit the prior and chapter at the same time; he therefore forbids all Benedictine prelates and monks, and all other ecclesiastics, to do anything to the prejudice of his visitation, under pain of greater excommunication. Dated Oftord, 10 June [1378].*]

Intimacio dicte inhibicionis.

Postmodum xxj die Iunii anno Domini predicto, indiccione prima, pontificatus domini Urbani pape vj anno primo, in ecclesia conven-

tuali Westm', dominus liberari fecit et tradi realiter dictam literam in pergamento scriptam et sigillo suo ad causas cum cera viridi sigillatam . . . abbati Westm' tunc ibidem presenti,¹ et ante tradicionem huiusmodi litere dominus legi fecit dictam literam coram prefato abbatе, presentibus dominis Iohanne Bathon' et Wellen', Roberto Sar' Dei gratia episcopis, magistris Iohanne Shepeye decano Lincoln', Willelmo Blaunkpayne sacre pagine professore, Iohanne Blauncehard, Rogero de Sutton legum doctoribus, Iohanne de Barton notario publico et aliis multis. [Lambeth, Reg. Sudbury, fo. 48v.]

[231. The prior of Durham writes, apparently to one of the presidents, explaining that although the presidents at the last provincial chapter had imposed upon John de A[cley, monk of Durham], certain "scholastic acts" against the opinions of John Wyclif, yet because this would be dangerous, and because the King's Council have forbidden Acley to take part in such controversies as may lead to schism, etc., the prior has forbidden Acley to act in the matter. c. autumn of 1378? Printed *English Historical Review*, 1928, p. 77, from Durham MS. C, IV, 25, fo. 59v.]

[232. Extracts from two letters of the proctor of the English Black Monks at the Court of Rome [c. 1378-?].]

MS. Bodley 240, p. 819, col. 1 [Bury St. Edmunds].

Ex littera domini [.]² procur[atoris] in curia.

Dicitur in curia Romana pleno ore quod monachi indulgent sagittacionibus arcuum et balistarum, aucupacionibus et venacionibus, lucris et mercacionibus insistunt, et doctrinam sanctam odio habent, et quod ipsi causant scisma quod regnat et totum mundum turbat.³

Item ex alia littera eius alia vice.

Sciatis quod tota ecclesia Romana, tam in capite, quam in membris, et precipue mendicantes, mallent nos non esse quam esse.

¹ Nicholas Litlington (1362-86), perhaps the visitor appointed.

² erased: perhaps Edmund Bromfield of Bury

³ apparently the Great Schism of 1378? This MS. was compiled at about that date: cf. vol. I, p. 22.

Unde non restat aliud remedium, nisi ut abusionibus, vanitatibus et dissolucionibus, toti curie Romane manifestis, Deo displicantibus, et omnibus hominibus malum exemplum exhibentibus, relictis, non ficte set veraciter regularibus vacemus disciplinis.¹ Monachis prohibetur in canone iocum secularum diligere, ad aleas ludere, canes vel aves sequi ad venandum; Extra *Ne clerici vel mo[nachi] nego[cuius]*, c^o sequenti *Multa sunt*.² Item clerici ad aleas et taxillos non ludant, nec huiusmodi ludis intersint; Extra *De vi[tu] et ho[nestate] cleri[corum]*, capitulo *Clerici*.³ Episcopus aut presbiter aut diaconus allee aut desinat aut dampnetur; di. 35. c^o. *Episcopus*.⁴ Venatores autem in sacra scriptura vix in bono invenimus, in glosa super ps. *Qui habitat*. Item Ambrosius super *Beati immaculati*: Nullis invenimus in divinis scripturis de venatoribus iustum.⁵ Item statutum est sub precepto in constitutionibus provincialis capituli apud Abendoniam⁶ ne monachi ludant ad scacos vel aleas vel cum arbalistis vel arcubus sive cum aliis ludis vanis et secularibus, titulo *Ne monachi evagentur*. Item statutum est quod monachi a venacionibus et aucupacionibus nec eis intersint sub magna pena, ut habetur Extra *De regularibus et tran[seun]tibus* in Clementinis, c^o. *Ne in agro*.⁷ Quicumque contra sacros canones aliquid proterve agit, aut loqui presumit, aut facere volentibus consensit, spiritum sanctum blasphemat, ut habetur 25. q. I. c^o. *Nulli fas*, et c^o. *Violatores*.⁸ Et qui noluerit sacris canonibus obedire, non est dignus col. 2. sacris altaribus ministrare, 25. q. I. c^o. *Hac consona*, et c^o. *Generali* et c^o. *Omnia*.⁹

NOTES ON NOS. 233 AND 241.

(1) On 3 April, 1383, Pope Urban VI granted a Bull (which came to no effect) to the presidents (Malmesbury and Ramsey) empowering them to enforce the constitutions of Benedict XII: see No. 241, p. 90, below. This is probably the Bull procured by Adam Easton, referred to in No. 233 below.

(2) The abbot of Malmesbury's letter, of 31 March, No. 233, below, concerning the loss of Easton's Bull, would thus seem to be later than

¹ possibly the extract from the letter ends here, and the rest is the work of the compiler of the MS.: cf. vol. I, p. 23.

² *Decretales*, III, l. I. ³ *Ibid.*, III, i, 15 ⁴ *Decretum*, I, xxxv, I.

⁵ Cf. Migne, *Patr. Lat.*, XV, col. 1312

⁶ probably the statutes of 1279, see vol. I, p. 102 ff

⁷ *Clement*, III, x, I.

⁸ *Decretum*, II, XXV, 1, 4 and 5. ⁹ *Ibid.*, II, XXV, 1, 13, 11 and 12.

Apr., 1383; one would expect a date not long after the issuing of the Bull, during Malmesbury's presidency (*c.* 1384), and before Easton's fall in 1385; on the other hand, John Maydenhith only became Canon of Salisbury, by papal provision, 26 May, 1386 (W. H. Jones, *Fasti Eccles. Sarisberiensis* (1879), p. 351); could he be so described, earlier, by anticipation? The letter, copied in a xv-cent. Ely Register, was probably directed to the prior of Ely; his monk who kidnapped the Bull at Middelburg was perhaps a straggler from the Bishop of Norwich's Flemish Crusade (1383).

(3) Finally, on 23 Jan., 1405, Pope Innocent VII granted a new Bull, enforcing the constitutions of Benedict XII, and empowering the presidents to change the date of the chapter: No. 241, below. The date, however, in practice remained as before, about the beginning of July.

[233. *The abbot of Malmesbury, probably as president, to the prior of Ely(?), concerning the theft of a papal Bull procured by Cardinal Adam Easton. 31 March [c. 1384-9?].*]

Ely, Reg. Walsingham, fo. 5v.

Reverende pater et domine, cum nuper ad instanciam reverendissimi patris domini Ade Norwicensis tituli sancte Cecilie presbiteri cardinalis, sanctissimus in Christo pater dominus Urbanus divina providencia papa sextus, qui nunc est,¹ quasdam constituciones et ordinaciones statum, regimen et utilitatem nostri ordinis consernentes reformativit et salubriter declaravit, ac bullam executoriam presidentibus² ordinis nostri predicti inde fieri mandavit; quam bullam dictus dominus cardinalis magistro Iohanni Maydehide canonico ecclesie Sar' commisit, ipsis presidentibus ad Angliam transmittendam, et dictus Iohannes per quemdam peregrinum de com' Werkesd'³ versus Angliam destinavit. Et quia relacione peregrini intelleximus, quod quidam vester canonicus,⁴ qui cum dicto peregrino apud Midelburgh in Selond pro tempore morabatur,⁵ bullam predictam una cum aliis literis de quadam cista ibidem invito peregrino et omnino ignorantem cepit, ut dicitur, et asportavit, ac super illas quandam summam pecunie mutuo accepit a quadam marcatore, et sic dicta bulla in non modicum preiudicium et gravamen ordinis predicte ac contemptum sedis apostolice per predictos monachum et marcatorum detinetur pro tempore, ut

¹ Urban died in Oct., 1389

² presentibus MS.

³ Worcestershire? or Berkshire?

⁴ sic MS.; probably for commonachus, cf. below.

⁵ morebatur MS.

accepimus, concelata, de quo facto non modicum admiramur; vestram igitur dominacionem, quam pro reformacione ordinis firmiter prout decet instare speramus, toto corde rogamus, quatinus attentis utilitate et honestate ordinis, ac censura contra huiusmodi bullarum concelatores promulgata, ac materia brige penes cardinalem et ordinem dictum, vestro commonacho¹ districcius precipere et mandare velitis, quod dictam bullam restitui faciat, ut est iustum. Pro maiori eciam informacione istius materie mittimus ad vos clericum nostrum latorem presencium, per quem quid in premissis facere decreveritis, mittere² velitis vota vestra. Ad gregis vestre salubre regimen vos diu conservet Filius virginis gloriose. Scriptum apud Malmesbury ultimo die mensis Martii. Abbas Malmesbur'.³

[234. Robert,⁴ prior of Durham, president, to the abbot of Ramsey,⁵ co-president; he cannot attend the coming provincial chapter at Northampton, on account of his infirmity and other causes, and therefore commits his authority to the abbot of Ramsey. 17 June, 1387. Printed in *Hist. Dunelm. Scriptores Tres (Surtees Soc., 1839)*, p. clvi.]

[235. John [Chinnock] abbot of Glastonbury,⁶ Edmund [de Elyngton] abbot of Ramsey, and Robert [Walworth] prior of Durham, Presidents, to Pope Urban VI, pleading for the pardon and restoration of Cardinal Adam Easton, and appointing the bearer, John Welles, D.D., their proctor. Dated in the General Chapter, 9 July, 1387. Printed in *Letters from Northern Registers* (R.S. 61), p. 423, from *Durham Reg.* II, fo. 295v.]

[236. *Comporta in a visitation of Durham by St. Mary's York.*
c. 1384-93.]

[Original, paper. As to date, judging from art. (1), it must be after the endowment of Durham College, Oxford, by Bp. Hatfield in 1381; from art. (13), presumably before the rebuilding of the Dormitory, 1398-1404. The visitor for the Province of York was Durham in 1381, Selby in 1396: there remain, apparently, the years 1384, 1387, 1390, 1393.]

¹ commonocho MS

² m'ito? MS.

³ Walter Camme, 1360-96?

⁴ Rob. Walworth, 1374-91.

⁵ Edmund de Elyngton, 1379-96.

⁶ John Chinnock, 1375-1420; cf. *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees Soc.), III, 595: Nuncio abbatis de Glassenbury 6.s. 8.d. (1386-7).

Durham Misc. 5634.

Comperta in visitacione facta per *fratres* Iohannem Esyng¹ et Ricardum Burneby monachos monasterii beate Marie Ebor^c.

Primo compertum est quod monasterium istud non habet in [1] studio generali aliquos scolares secundum statuta [Bened]ictina, scilicet de quolibet vicenario numero unum, sed solum viij monachos Oxonie, qui sunt de sumptibus collegii episcopi Dunelm'.

Item compertum est quod non est instructor claustral is sive [2] magister in ista ecclesia cathedrali ad instruendum monachos in primitivis² scienciis, videlicet gramatica, logica et philosophia, secundum eadem statuta Benedictina, licet facultates suppetant ad istud faciendum.

³ Item compertum est quod pecunia ministratur fratribus istius [3] monasterii pro vestitu eorundem, contra constituciones Benedictinas et statuta Octoboni.

Item compertum est⁴ hic non esse solitum numerum monachorum [4] nec tot quibus facultates suppetere possent, si bene regularentur; quia xxij monachi mortui sunt et in loco illorum non sunt rasi nisi xij, vel secundum alias xxvj sunt mortui et in toto illo tempore nulli rasi nisi viij.

Item compertum est quod non consideratur secundum regulam in [5] valde senibus et⁵ infantulis ad plenum inbecillitas, sed fit in eis districcio regule in alimentis, quod est contra regulam nostram, et ideo iniungimus vobis, domine prior, ut fiat in eis pia consideracio,⁶ ut dicit regula.

Item compertum est quod quidam de monachis istius domus [6] equitant sine capis regularibus, scilicet in clochiis sive rotundellis, et sine capello lato in cappa sut' parvo pilio ad modum secularium, in magnum scandalum religionis et maxime huius monasterii; et istud est contra iura nostra et statuta et precipue contra statuta ultimo⁷ edita Northamton'.⁸

Item compertum est quod clerici deputati ad iuvandum sacerdotes [7] monachos celebrare sunt in honesti et quasi illiterati, nescientes dicere *Confiteor* aut *Miserereatur*, nec prompti vel parati ad impletendum illud officium, unde plures sacerdotes retardantur et multociens impediuntur a celebracione missarum suarum ob defectum illorum.

¹ R struck through.

² scis expunged.

³ Item compertum est struck through.

⁴ quod struck through

⁵ interlin. over vel expunged.

⁶ secundum struck through.

⁷ celebrata expunged.

⁸ cf. vol II, p. 68.

- [8] Item compertum est quod solacia in spaciando extra ad prata et ¹ agros fiunt indiscrete et nimis raro, quia nisi semel in septimana, et cum redeunt fratres a solaciis calidi et sudantes, sunt indispositi ad celebrandum missas suas, unde petitur quod possunt celebrare ante et manere diucius in solaciis, non redeundo ad sequenciam magne misse, ut solebant.
- [9] Item compertum est quod solebant esse clerici cantantes organum et adiuvantes monachos in cantu qui dicitur trebill, et iam non sunt, in magnum nocumentum et tedium fratrum cantancium in choro.
- [10] Item compertum est quod non est medicus deputatus infirmis fratribus, contra statuta 'Northamton'.²
- [11] Item compertum est quod barbitonsor monasterii est inhabilis, quia surdus et cecus et magnum periculum fratrum rasorum ab ipso.
- [12] Item compertum est quod sacrista nimis negligenter custodit ecclesiam, defendendo ³ scilicet a columbis deturpantibus et fedantibus ecclesiam, stalla, formas et altaria.
- [13] Item compertum est quod dormitorium et infirmaria male cooperiuntur, unde pluit in illis locis ⁴ continue quando pluit, in magnam putrifaccionem et exinanicionem maeremium.

Domine prior, iniungimus vobis auctoritate nobis commissa in hac parte, ut emendari faciat omnes istos defectus citra proximum capitulum provinciale. Et similiter emendetis cellas inordinatas dormitorii.

Later endorsement [43] 6 Comperta in visitacione monasterii Ebor'. [sic] 1^a 2^e ciste.

[237. *The abbot of Glastonbury, president, to the prior of Rochester, concerning an apostate monk of Rochester. 28 Aug. [1394 ?].*⁵]

Brit. Mus. MS. Cotton Faustina C, V, fo. 73 [Rochester].

Venerabilis pater, non sine alto ⁶ cordis suspirio discrecionem vestram iam duximus informare, qualiter in nostro regressu ab obsequiis funeralibus domine regine Deo noviter comendate,⁷

¹ interlin

² cf vol II, p. 48

³ columbas expunged.

⁴ quando expunged.

⁵ occurs between documents of Feb., 1394, and Dec., 1395.

⁶ alta MS.

⁷ The funeral of Anne of Bohemia, at Westminster Abbey, 3 Aug., 1394

invenimus apud Thacheham¹ quemdam de confratribus vestris velud ovem morbidam et errantem, sine comite, sine expensis et sine libro in quo persolveret horas canonicas et debitas Deo laudes, omnino contra canonum sancciones que monachis interdicunt taliter evagari, immo in nostre religionis scandalum manifestum et ceteris in perniciosum exemplum; qui quidem literas nobis ostendit, set nimium generales, de licencia migrandi ad locum alterum nostre religionis aut si libeat arcioris; quem iuxta votum suum misimus ad Cartusienses cum famulo comite et expensis. Set quia ipsum ibidem nondum recipere decreverunt, Glastoniam pecit, promittens nobis quod libenter ad domum propriam rediret, paratus sub spe vestre misericordie debitam ordinis disciplinam subire, pocius quam sic ut vagus et profugus religioni scandalum parturiret. Unde quia grave onus conscientie stimulantis, quam propter curam pastoralis officii abrogare non possumus, in presenti nos excitare non desinit, ut exemplo piissimi pastoris Ihesu Christi studeamus propriis humeris ovem taliter aberrantem reducere ad ovile, predictum confratrem vestrum vobis remittimus ad claustrum pascua, que devovit, supplicantes ex corde, immo quatenus sufficimus iniungentes virtute officii quo fungimur in presenti, quatinus ipsum recipere ad ovile vestra discrecio non omittat, servando tamen et cum moderamine regularis ordinem discipline, et eo micius, quo gratis se submiserit iuxta discretionem vestram in omnibus corrigendum, | ut ^{fo. 73v.} sic tanquam prudens medicus pro curandis ovibus studeatis vinum et oleum commissere.² Fiat igitur, pater, quod iuste petimus, ne per vestros, quod hucusque non legimus, nostra religio paciatur eclipsim. Et quid feceritis in premissis seu duxeritis faciendum, nobis certificet in scriptis per latorem presencium vestra paternitas reverenda. Sic ergo vigeat vestra discrecio in presenti, ut eternaliter in Domino prosperetur, et in eo felicius, quo cicius pro curanda ove morbida duxerit salutarem apponere medicinam. Scriptum Glaston'³ xxvij die mensis Augusti.

[238. *The prior of Rochester to the abbot of Glastonbury, giving the history of the apostate monk. 8 Sept. [1394 ?].*]

MS. Cotton Faustina C, V, fo. 73v [Rochester].

Reverendissime pater, literas vestre reverende paternitatis receperimus inter cetera continentes, quod in regressu vestro ab

¹ Thatcham, Berks, on the Bath Road.

² for commiscere. ³ Abbot of Glastonbury, John Chinnoch, 1375-1420.

obsequis funeralibus domine regine, cuius anime propicietur Altissimus, invenistis apud Thacheham quemdam de confratribus nostris velud ovem errantem et morbidam, sine comite et suis expensis et sine libro in quo horas canonicas et debitas Deo laudes persolveret, cum literis de licencia migrandi nimium, ut vobis videbatur, generalibus; super quo noverit vestra discrecio provida, quod idem monachus, quod dolenter refferrimus, ovis morbida non incongrue potest appellari, quoisque tactus spiritu consilii sanioris instabilitates hactenus usitatas et inconstancias in veteratas deponens, ordini quem nuper professus est, et observanciis regularibus se duxerit conformandum. Nam ut de ceteris eius inconstanciis, apostasiis, periuriis et vagacionibus scandalosis taceamus, peciit enim multociens licenciam se transferendi ad diversa loca ordinis Cartusiensis, et post suam receptionem et admissionem per mensem in aliquo ipsorum noluit perseverare.¹ Postulavit insuper licenciam se transferendi ad ordinem Clunyascensem in prioratu de Bermundeseye, et ibi fuit admissus, et cum in eodem prioratu vestiri debuisse, latenter monachum cum eo missum deseruit, et vestes seculares sibi preparavit, volens apostare, set per industriam domini de Cobeham captus fuit et ad nostrum monasterium remissus. Post hoc cum ad claustrum proprium fuerat reversus et ibidem aliquamdiu conversatus, licenciam peciit ad singulos ordines mendicantium successive transferendi, set in nullo eorum recepi² potuit vel admitti, postremo specialiter ordinem fratrum minorum nominavit, asserens se in conventu fratrum minorum Cantebreg' sine difficultate posse admitti, et literas super ea receptione ab eisdem optinuit, et easdem nobis presentavit, firmiter asseverans se velle inter eos profiteri. Cuius assertoribus fidem dantes, licenciam cum literis, expensis et famulo eidem concessimus ad prefatum locum et ordinem transiundi³; qui cum locum et ordinem predictum adisse putaretur, furtive mare transiit et curiam peciit Romanam. Deinde ad fo. 74. partes nostras rediit, iactans se quasdam impetrasse literas a generali penitenciario domini pape ad reverendum patrem dominum episcopum Roffensem, virtute quarum idem reverendus pater ad locum prestinum et gradum sine correccione regulari aliquali restituere deberet. Noveritis igitur religiocissime pater, quod idem

¹ Perhaps this inconstant monk was John Craye, who went to the Carthusians in 1387, returned to Rochester in 1388 (MS. Cotton Faustina C, V, fo. 34^v), was licensed to join the Friars Minor in 1393 (*Ibid.*, fo. 70), and migrated again in 1401 (*Ibid.*, fo. 102^v).

² sic.

³ transiundi MS.

monachus postquam reversus fuerat a curia Romana, semper extitit vacabundus et nunquam monasterium suum voluit repetere cum effectu, nec correccioni regulari seipsum submittere, confidens et iactans quod reverendus pater dominus episcopus Roffensis virtute literarum ab ipso impetratarum, nobis et confratribus nostris invitis, ipsum ad locum pristinum et gradum restitueret sine correccione regulari; quod si factum fuisset, manifestum est ordinem nostrum gravem incurrisse lesionem in hac parte. Super eo vero quod idem monachus sine comite fuit, expensis et libro, luce clarius patet quod eius inutilis vagacio et infructuosa, et comitem fugavit, et expensas per nos sibi traditas penitus consumpsit. Quia igitur, venerabilis pater, super monacho predicto piis et paternis viceribus estis moti, petentes ut ad ovile proprium et ad claustrum pascua que devovit educatur, nos volentes vestram petitionem animo libenti adimplere, ut periculosa vagandi materia predicto monacho subtrahatur, et ut spiritus eius salvus fiat in die Domini, et ne sanguis eius de manibus nostris requiratur, volumus ipsum iuxta literarum vestrarum tenorem in monasterio nostro recipere, salva in omnibus ordinis disciplina regularis, eo missius¹ cum eo agentes, quo tenerius in literis vestris pro eo duxeritis rogandum; quod sine dubio factum fuisset statim post suum a curia Romana regressum, si omnibus impetratis renunciasset et correcccionibus regularibus cum debita devocione se submisisset. Vestram sanctam paternitatem in omni prosperitate per tempora longiora conservet Altissimus. Scriptum Roffe² in festo nativitatis beate virginis.

[239. Anno huius [John. Hemmingbrough, prior of Durham] IX erat reformatio ordinis nigrorum monachorum. c. 1399-1400. Will. de Chambre, *Hist. Dunelm. Scriptores Tres*, 145.]

[240. Richard Clifford, Bishop of Worcester [1401-7], thanks the abbot of Evesham³ for appointing John Fordam [of Worcester] to be prior of students at Oxford. [The abbot of Evesham probably acted on behalf of the presidents: cf. No. 198, above.] c. 1401-7. Printed *Snappa's Formulary* (*Oxford Hist. Soc.*), 312, from MS. Bodley 859, fo. 34.]

¹ for micius ² Prior of Rochester, John de Sheppesey, 1380-1419.
³ Roger Yatton, 1379-1418.

[241. *A Bull of Innocent VII, enforcing the constitutions of Benedict XII, at the petition of the provincial chapter. 23 Jan., 1405.*]

Corpus Christi College Cambridge, MS. 189, fo. 23^v.

Innocencius episcopus servus servorum Dei, ad futuram rei memoriam. Regis pacifici qui regnat in celis licet immeriti vices gerentes in terris, ordinem sancti Benedicti, quem celestis agricole mira benignitas in orto plantavit ecclesie, ipsiusque professores paterne pietatis affectu cum sincera caritate prosequentes solliciti corde reddimur et solertes, ut eorundem professorum tranquillitati et saluti quantum cum Deo possumus sic favorabiliter consulamus, quod ab ipsis remotis obstaculis superni remuneratoris premium commodius nanciscantur, et pro eo ad hoc libenter intendimus, ut illa que circa ordinem et professores eosdem per summos pontifices predecessores nostros provide gesta sunt, licet forsitan postea rerum causante varietate per aliquos ex ipsis predecessoribus nostris innovata fuerint vel mutata, ad statum pristinum reducantur. Sane peticio dilectorum filiorum abbatum, priorum et aliorum prelatorum ecclesiarum cathedralium, monasteriorum, prioratum et locorum eiusdem ordinis monachorum singulorum in Cantuariensi, Eboracensi provinciis concistencium, nobis nuper exhibita continebat, quod olim felicis recordacionis Benedictus papa xij predecessor noster provide attendens ad reformacionem eiusdem ordinis monachorum nigrorum, videlicet xij kalend. Iulii pontificatus sui anno ij editit multas salubres constitutiones, iuxta quas professores ipsos qui tunc erant et etiam illos qui eundem ordinem profiterentur pro tempore vivere et dirigi voluit, et in quibus inter cetera statuit et decrevit, quod in eisdem provinciis, quas quoad hoc pro una provincia deputavit, de triennio in triennium fieri commune seu provinciale capitulum abbatum et priorum proprios abbates ¹ non habencium aliorumque priorum huiusmodi ecclesiarum cathedralium ipsius ordinis seu religionis vel aliorum maiorum in ipsis ecclesiis post antistites eorum existencium quoconque nomine nuncuparentur, ceterorumque prelatorum abbates proprios non habencium, ut prefetur, exemptorum et non exemptorum ordinis seu religionis eiusdem; ad quod quidem capitulum iusto impedimentoo cessante predicti abbates, priores et prelati universi et circa id ad reformationem ordinis seu religionis eiusdem et observanciam regularem adimplere studebant que in eisdem constitutionibus explicitantur; qui

¹ abbates om MS.

vero ad ipsum capitulum personaliter venire nequirent, ad allegandam iusti impedimenti causam commonachum suum eiusdem ecclesie vel monasterii si comode fieri posset, alioquin alium ydoneum, cum sufficienti mandato causam excusacionis sufficientem et claram continentem¹ et cum potestate in animas eorum iurandi veram esse causam huiusmodi expressam, ad dictum capitulum transmittere tenerentur; non venientes autem iusto impedimentoo cessante vel excusacione per procuratorem commonachum suum vel alium ydoneum cum sufficienti mandato ad illud ut premittitur non mittentes, tenerentur duplum eius quod expensuri fuissent ad ipsum capitulum veniendo et in eo morando ac inde redeundo, iuxta presidencium eidem capitulo arbitrium seu maioris partis eorum estimandum, in termino per ipsos presidentes statuendo² exsolvere, in utilitatem ipsius provincialis capitulo convertendum; quodque possent presidentes ipsi capitulo illos ad duplum huiusmodi exsolvendum per censuram ecclesiasticam auctoritate apostolica cohercere, eorumque super hoc faciendo processus et ferendas sentencias publicare seu publicari facere in locis ordinis seu religionis eiusdem, et quod circa ipsum duplum in toto vel in parte nulli valeret gracia fieri vel remissio indulgeri. Et quod in dicto capitulo per eosdem presidentes auctoritate predicta contribuciones et collecte tam pro monachis in theologia et iure canonico doctorandis, quam pro communibus utilitatibus dicti ordinis imponi vel indici possent, cum potestate exigendi collectas ac imposiciones et penas predictas ac compescendi contradictores et rebelles per censuram ecclesiasticam, appellacione remota, necnon publicandi sentencias tam in ecclesiis cathedralibus quam aliis locis dicti ordinis sicut presidentibus qui essent pro tempore videretur expedire, et alia multa circa hec dicitur statuisse ac eciam ordinasse. Postmodum vero eciam prefatus Benedictus papa ex certis rationabilibus causis animum suum moventibus, quosdam articulos ex constitucionibus ipsis dicitur declarasse; et licet prefate constituciones et declaraciones per abbates, priores, prelatos et professores dicti ordinis, qui tunc erant in eisdem provinciis, per nonnulla tempora fuissent inviolabiliter obseruate; quia tamen postea pie recordacionis Clemens papa ~~vj~~
eciam ^[fo. 24.] predecessor noster penas et sentencias spirituales et temporales in eisdem constitucionibus et declaracionibus contentas, quas earum transgressores idem Benedictus papa in constitucionibus et declaracionibus ipsis incurrere voluit, dicitur auctoritate apostolica suspendisse, easque illis qui ipsas quomodolibet incurrerunt remisisse;

¹ continente *om* MS.² statuendum MS.

ac prelatos huiusmodi qui tunc erant dicti ordinis professores, qui eciam easdem penas quomodolibet incurrisserent, et hoc ab ipso Clemente papa petierant, ab eisdem penis absolvisse, ac concessisse et voluisse quod illi ex prelatis eisdem qui eciam dictas penas incurrisserent, et se per ipsum Clementem papam ab illis absolvvi non petiverant, a confessoribus per ipsos electis, subditi vero sive inferiores dicti ordinis eciam professores, qui in constitutionibus eisdem delinquissent, a censuris et penis huiusmodi, quas propterea per easdem constitutiones incurrisserent, a suis abbatibus possent absolvvi, nichilominus super irregularitate et inhabilitate per eosdem abbates, priores, prelatos et professores premissorum occasione forsitan contractis dispensando cum ipsis; et cum postea bone memorie Urbano pape vj eciam predecessori nostro pro parte dilectorum filiorum de Malmesbury¹ et de Ramseye² monasteriorum predicti ordinis Saresberiensis et Lincolniensis diocesium abbatum tunc presidencium in capitulo generali eorundem monachorum nigrorum, ut eciam asseritur, foret expositum, quod nonnulli abbates et priores ipsius ordinis easdem constitutiones tunc temporis negligenter observare, allegantes dictum capitulum debere celebrari certa die infra triennium iuxta constitutiones predictas, et quod ipsi presidentes dictam diem pro celebracione huiusmodi capituli pro ipsorum arbitrio nequirent immutare, ac sic ad predictum capitulum venire non curarent, ac penas et contribuciones predictas solvere contradicerent, in animarum suarum periculum et predicti ordinis non modicum detrimentum; predictus Urbanus papa eorundem de Malmesbury et de Ramseye monasteriorum³ abbatum petitionibus annuens eisdem dicitur per suas litteras videlicet⁴ iij nonas Aprilis pontificatus sui anno v° commisisse, quod omnes et singulos abbates et priores ac alios huiusmodi ordinis et religionis prelatos in dictis provinciis consistentes ad servandum predictas constitutiones per censuram ecclesiasticam appellacione postposita compellere auctoritate predicta. Cum autem sicud eadem peticio subiungebat eciam vigore dictarum litterarum eiusdem Urbani pape nullus vel modicus hactenus sit subsecutus effectus, et licet eciam huiusmodi generale capitulum in eisdem Cantuariensi et Eboracensi provinciis de huiusmodi triennio in triennium eciam iuxta constitutionem super hoc editam in consilio generali celebretur; quia tamen ad huiusmodi capitulum, quod in eisdem provinciis de mense Iulii sive circa finem mensis Iunii aut

¹ Walter Camme, 1360-96?

³ interlin.

² Edm. de Ellington, 1379-96.

⁴ 3 April, 1383.

circa festum translacionis sancti Thome martiris pro tempore celebratur, est difficile abbatibus, prioribus et prelatis eisdem in predicto tempore, tum propter calores, tum quia victualia eo tempore in partibus illis ut frequenter sunt cariora, et propter alias rationabiles causas convenire; pro parte ipsorum abbatum, priorum et prelatorum fuit nobis humiliter supplicatum, ut super hiis eisdem professoribus ac ordini salubriter providere de benignitate apostolica dignaremur. Nos igitur constitucionum, declaracionum et litterarum predictarum tenores habentes plenius pro expressis, eorundem abbatum, priorum et prelatorum supplicationibus inclinati, auctoritate apostolica tenore presencium statuimus et eciam ordinamus, quod predice constituciones et declaraciones in eodem vigore in quo fuerunt ante suspensionem et remissionem et alia premissa per ipsum Clementem papam circa easdem constituciones et declaraciones, ut premittitur, facta, debeant perpetuo inviolabiliter remanere; nichilominus ut pro futuris generalibus capitulis in eisdem provinciis¹ celebrandis abbates presidentes in eisdem qui erunt pro tempore, vel saltem maior pars eorundem, quociens videbitur oportunum, de alio termino eis magis apto et congruo pro celebrazione dicti capituli generalis in futurum in provinciis antedictis invicem concordare illumque statuere et ordinare libere et licite valeant; ita tamen quod idem terminus ultra quatuor menses a termino, quo hactenus huiusmodi capitulum ut premittitur celebrari consuevit, computando, extendi seu prorogari non possit, eisdem abbatibus plenam et liberam auctoritate predicta licenciam elargimur. Volumus eciam quod predicti presidentes pro tempore habeant plenariam potestatem hec exequendi, et omnia alia et singula faciendi in premissis quomodolibet necessaria et oportuna pro tempore, sicuti per constituciones et ordinaciones predictas eciam dicitur eis esse concessum, et qua quidem] potestate consueverunt uti et potuerunt, antequam predictus Clemens papa absolucionem et remissionem et alia predicta circa easdem constituciones et declaraciones fecerit ut prefertur; premissis necnon statutis et consuetudinibus ecclesiarum, monasteriorum, prioratuum et locorum ac ordinis huiusmodi confirmatione apostolica vel quacunque firmitate alia roboratis et aliis contrariis non obstantibus quibuscumque, decernentes irritum et inane, si secus super his a quoquam quavis auctoritate scienter vel ignoranter contigerit attemptari. Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostrorum statuti, ordinacionis, concessionis, voluntatis, et con-

fo. 24^v¹ provincus] capitulis MS.

stitutionis infringere, vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attemptare presumpserit, indignacionem omnipotentis Dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum eius se noverit incursum. Datum Rome apud sanctum Petrum x kal. Febr. pontificatus nostri anno primo.

[242. *The president commissions the abbot of St. Augustine's Canterbury, to make a special visitation of Faversham. 1 Sept., 1408.]*

MS. Cotton Tiberius B, IX, fo. 136v.

[.] abbati sancti [.]
[.] visitand[um] mon[asterium].]

Venerabili in Christo patri, domino Thome Dei gracia abbati monasterii sancti Augustini Cantuar¹, frater Willelmus eiusdem permissione abbas monasterii sancti Edmundi de Bury², salutem et fraterne dilectionis continuum incrementum. Cum nuper in penultimo capitulo provinciali Norhamton celebrato³ vestrum monasterium ad visitacionis officium exercendum in diocese Cantuariensi fuerat deputatum, vester in hac parte commissarius ac procurator in ultimo capitulo ibidem celebrato⁴ nobis retulit viva voce, quod in monasterio de Faveresham quedam comperta fuerant, que propter brevitatem temporis ac negocii qualitatem ante prefatum capitulum non poterant reformari, super quo postmodum London⁵ vestre paternitati vive vocis oraculo commisimus vices nostras; set quia absque scriptura auctentica ab ipso monasterio ad huiusmodi officium faciendum creditis non admitti, auctoritate presidencie dicti capitulo qua fungimur, ista vice vobis tenore presencium committimus et rogamus, quatinus velitis caritatis intuitu, ac nostre religionis obtentu, dictum monasterium de Faveresham in personis et rebus per vos aut vestros in hac parte commissarios, in quibus confiditis, quo ciens opus fuerit, visitare, quo usque huiusmodi defectus et alii si qui fuerint, quod absit, sint plenarie reformati, presentibus ultra unum annum minime valituri. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum fecimus hiis apponi. Datum in manerio nostro de Elmeswell⁶, primo die mensis Septembris, anno Domini millesimo CCCC^{mō} octavo.

¹ Thomas Hundon, 1405-20.
³ in 1405.

² Will. of Cratfield, 1390-1415.
⁴ in 1408.

[243. *The abbots of Westminster and Bury St. Edmunds, presidents, appoint proctors at the Court of Rome, to proceed against the abbot of Chester. 26, 28 March, 1412.*]

MS. Cotton Tiberius B, IX, fo. 151v.

[. v]isitandi [.] ordine [.]

Universis pateat per presentes, quod [ego]¹ Willelmus permissione divina abbas monasterii Westmonasterii² sedi apostolice immediate subiecti ordinis sancti Benedicti | Londoniensis diocesis, *fo* 152. et Willelmus eadem gratia abbas monasterii sancti Edmundi de Bury eidem sedi nullo medio subiecti et eiusdem ordinis Norwicensis diocesis, presidentes capituli generalis nigrorum monachorum in Anglia ordinis supradicti, dilectos nobis in Christo reverendum patrem dominum Iohannem Sudbury abbatem monasterii de Burton super Trentam Lichefeldensis diocesis prefati ordinis, et venerabiles viros magistros Iohannem Bremore domini nostri secretarium, Iohannem de Scriuanis, Robertum Ely et Ricardum Betty, clericos in Romana curia commorantes, nostros et dicti ordinis nostri veros, certos, legitimos et indubitatos procuratores, actores, factores, negotiorum gestores et nuncios speciales, ad intimandum et iuxta iuris exigenciam significandum sanctissimo in Christo patri ac domino nostro domino pape, qualiter in capitulo generali nigrorum monachorum provincie Anglicane nuper contra dominum Henricum abbatem [monasterii] sancte Werburge Cestrie³ eiusdem ordinis Lichefeldensis diocesis, ac ex[em]p[tum] se pretendentem, pro diversis criminibus gravibus et excessibus enormibus ac dilapidacione notoria bonorum dicti monasterii publice per totam patriam divulgat[is, in eodem] capitulo generali publice propositis contra eum et clare probatis, [auctoritate? eiusdem] capituli generalis secundum sancções in hac parte canonicas sit processum, nec non ad prosequendum pro ulteriori execuzione penes eiusdem domini nostri sanctitatem [in] dicto negocio, prout pro ipsius Henrici salubri reformacione et felici eiusdem monasterii prothdolor admodum destructi reparacione et conveniente eiusdem regimine sue sanctitati videbitur sanius expedire; coniunctim et divisim et quemlibet eorum per se et in solidum; ita quod non sit melior condicio occupantis, sed quod unus eorum inceperit, quilibet eorum prosequi, mediare valeat et finire; facimus, constituimus et eciam

¹ damaged and only partly legible.

² William Colchester, 1386-1420.

³ Henry de Sutton, 1387-1413.

ordinamus, dantes et concedentes eisdem procuratoribus nostris coniunctim et eorum cuilibet, ut premittitur, in solidum divisim potestatem generalem et mandatum generale et speciale pro nobis et nomine nostro ac dicti ordinis nostri in premisso negocio et illud concernentibus; necnon in omnibus causis et negociis [*etc.*: *the proctors' powers are defined, almost word for word as in No. 245, below, from line 2 on p. 96 to the end; omitting the clause absenciam nostram—et probandi, line 19-24.*].

In cuius rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes, nostrorumque sigillorum appensionibus communiri. Datum quoad sigilli nostri Willelmi abbatis monasterii Westmon' predicti appensionem in monasterio nostro predicto die vicesimo sexto mensis Marcii, anno Domini millesimo CCCC^{mo} xij^o; Et quoad sigilli nostri Willelmi abbatis monasterii sancti Edmundi de Bury predicti appensionem in monasterio nostro predicto vicesimo octavo die dicti mensis Marcii, anno Domini supradicto.

fo. 153.

[244. Thomas [Spofford] abbot of St. Mary's York, appointed visitor for the province of York in the last Chapter at Northampton, being chosen as proctor for the Council of Constance by the Archbishop and other clergy of the province of York, appoints William Dalton, prior of St. Mary's York his commissary to carry out the visitation in his stead: a public instrument, attested by Mr. Richard Stanton, of York, public notary, Mr. John Selow and Thomas Clyveland, advocates of the Court of York, and John de Stanton, public notary and proctor of the same court: in the chapter house of St. Mary's, 11 Nov., 1414. Durham Reg. III, fo. 53^v.]

[245. *The abbots of Westminster and Winchcombe, presidents, appoint proctors to represent the English Black Monks at the Council of Constance [c. 1414-7].*]

Westminster Abbey Mun.: Liber Niger Quaternus, fo. iiiij^{xx} iv (89^v). Procuratorium nigrorum monachorum ad consilium Constan[ciense].

Noverint universi per presentes, quod nos Willelmus permissione divina abbas monasterii Westmon' prope London' sedi apostolice immediate subiecti, ordinis sancti Benedicti, et nos Willelmus eadem permissione abbas monasterii de Wynchcombe,¹ eiusdem ordinis, Wigorn' diocesis, presidentes capituli generalis nigrorum monachorum dicti ordinis in tota Anglia, habentes ad infrascripta plenam

¹ Will. Bradley, 1395-1423.

et sufficientem potestatem, venerabiles et discretos viros magistros A.B. et C.D.,¹ eciā absentes, tanquam presentes, nostros et tocius dicti ordinis nostri veros, certos, legittimos et indubitatos procuratores, actores, factores, negotiorum gestores, et nuncios speciales, coniunctim et divisim et quemlibet eorum per se et in solidum, ita quod non sit melior condicio occupantis, sed quod unus eorum incepit, quilibet eorum prosequi valeat et finire, vice et nomine nostro ac tocius capituli generalis omniumque religiosorum dicti ordinis in Anglia facimus, constituimus, et ordinamus; damusque eisdem et eorum cuiilibet per se et insolidum potestatem generalem et mandatum generale et speciale, nostro et dicti ordinis nostri nomine et pro nobis et dicti ordinis² coram sanctissimo in Christo patre domino nostro papa qui pro tempore fuerit, ac sacrosancta et generali Constanciensi synodo et in illa cum omnimoda devotionis et humilitatis puritate se presentandi, comparendi et interessendi; necnon tractandi, conveniendi et hiis que ibidem de communi consilio ad laudem Dei et consolidacionem unionis ac pacis et boni regiminis in ecclesia sancta Dei statui, decerni, et ordinari contigerint, consenciendi; et quibuscumque in eadem synodo quacumque auctoritate statutis, descretis, et decernendis seu ordinandis in nostrum et dicti nostri ordinis ac personarum eiusdem preiudicium et lesionem contradicendi et opponendi; iuraque et privilegia, exempciones et concessiones, immunitates et libertates ac prerogativas nobis et dicto nostro ordini ac prelatis eiusdem coniunctim seu divisim concessa, indulta et qualitercumque competencia, quo cienscumque opus fuerit,³ proponendi, allegandi, exhibendi, et ea, prout opus fuerit,³ defendendi, et eorum confirmationem, ratificacionem et firmitatem, si expediens fuerit, petendi et impetrandi; ac eciā cum prelatis et personis nostri ordinis et eorum nunciis et procuratoribus pro communi bono, utilitate, reformacione et augmento nostri ordinis, quo ciens eis videbitur oportunum, eciā in eorum particularibus in eadem synodo congregacionibus, conveniendi, interessendi, tractandi et concludendi; exempcionesque, gracias et quascumque exorbitantes concessiones per singulas personas dicti ordinis in scandalum reli gionis seu debite superioritatis preiudicium obtentas, revocari,

¹ The representatives at Constance were, apparently, the abbots of Bury St. Edmunds and York, the prior of Worcester, Mr. John Wynchecomb, LL.B., and, as counsel, Mr. Rich. Betty and Rob. Ely, see Accounts of 1414-17, below, p. 166, 177.

² sic.

³⁻³ interlin.

cassari, ac nullas et cassas declarari petendi et prosequendi ; necnon in omnibus causis et negotiis nos et dictum nostrum ordinem qualitercumque tangentibus, coram quibuscumque iudicibus ordinariis, delegatis, subdelegatis, auditoribus, commissariis, reformatoribus, seu locatenentibus eorundem, et quibuscumque aliis iudicibus, tam ecclesiasticis, quam secularibus, datis seu dandis quacumque potestate seu auctoritate fungentibus, tam pro nobis et nostro ordine, quam contra nos et ordinem nostrum predictum, in dicta generali synodo, ac in Romana curia, seu alibi qualitercumque motis seu movendis, comparandi, agendi, defendendi, excipiendi, replicandi, litem contestandi, libellum seu libellos, et quascumque informaciones et peticiones summarias dandi et recipiendi ; iuramentum tam de calumpnia, quam de veritate dicenda, et quodcumque aliud licitum sacramentum, in animas nostras prestandi, proponendi et articulandi, posicionibus, articulis et interrogatoriis respondendi, crimina et defectus obiciendi, et obiectis respondendi, testes, literas et instrumenta et alia quecumque probacionum genera producendi et exhibendi, productis et exhibitis ex adverso reprobandi et impugnandi ; absenciam nostram excusandi, et causas absencie proponendi, allegandi et probandi, iudices, loca et notarios eligendi et recusandi, et in eos et in ea consenciendi et dissenciendi, et causas excusacionis huiusmodi allegandi et probandi ; beneficiumque absolucionis a quibuscumque suspensionis, excommunicacionis et interdicti sententiis in nos seu personas dicti nostri ordinis ab homine vel a iure latis seu ferendis, simpliciter et ad cautelam ; necnon status nostri et dicti ordinis nostri reformacionem, in integrum restitucionem, dampnorum estimacionem, expensas et interesse quodlibet petendi, recipiendi et obtinendi, concludendi et concludi petendi ; necnon ad impetrandum quascumque literas apostolicas, tam simplices, quam legandas,¹ graciem seu iusticiam continentes in audiencia contradictarum domini nostri pape, qui pro tempore fuerit, literisque contra nos et ordinem nostrum predictum impetratis et impetrandis contradicendi, caucionem seu cauciones dandi et recipiendi, et super eis iurandi, sentenciam seu sentencias, tam interlocutorias, quam diffinitivas ferri petendi et audiendi, iudicis officium implorandi, protestandi, provocandi et appellandi, apostolos petendi et recipiendi, provocaciones et appellaciones notificandi et intimandi omnibus et singulis, quorum interest, pro loco et tempore oportunum,² et earum causas cum effectu prosequendi ; alios seu alium pro-

¹ sic.² sic.

curatorem seu procuratores ad omnia et singula, que causas nostras et nostri ordinis predicti ac eorum prosecucionem quomodolibet concernere poterint, substituendi, substitutis et substituendis huiusmodi revocandi et procuratoris officium in se et in eorum quemlibet reassumendi et exercendi, quo ciens et quando eis vel eorum alicui videbitur expedire; et generaliter omnia alia et singula faciendi, exercendi et expediendi, que in premissis seu eorum aliquo necessaria fuerint seu quomodo libet oportuna, licet mandatum exigant magis speciale, et que nosmet et dictus noster ordo in premissis seu eorum aliquo facere possemus, si personaliter interessemus; pro eisdem vero procuratoribus substitutis et substituendis ab eisdem seu eorum aliquo rem ratam haberi, iudicio sisti et iudicatum solvi, cum omnibus suis clausulis, sub ypoteca et obligacione omnium bonorum nostrorum ac monasteriorum nostrorum promittimus, et caucionem exponimus, et quilibet nostrum promittit et exponit per presentes. In quorum omnium testimonium etc'.

[246. *A letter from proctors at Constance to the presidents, concerning the form of their proxy (cf. No. 245, above). [c. May or Aug., 1416 ?]*]

Westminster Abbey Mun.: Liber Niger Quaternus, fo. iiiij^{xxij} (90). Informacio pro procuratorio ad consilium Constanciense mittendo.

Quia hiis qui hic sunt de consilio vestrarum paternitatum visum est expediens quod procuratorium vestrum sit subscriptum et autenticatum manu notarii publici, quia sigilla vestra non possunt hic probari, quia non sunt qui illa cognoscant; ideo si contingat vos forsan simul esse London' de presenti, sicut creditur, unus notarius, qui sit notus, sufficiet; alioquin vos reverende pater domine abbas Westmon' poteritis coram notario vestro constituere, et deinde instrumentum ipsum per vestrum notarium subscriptum et sigillo vestro sigillatum transmittere domino abbati de Wyncombe, ut ipse coram alio notario similiter faciat, et subscribi et sigillari faciat. Et similiter visum est eis quod forma procuratorii vestri huc transmissi non est usquequa sufficiens; ideo ipsi aliiquid addiderunt et mutarunt, et mittunt vobis copiam, ut ex illa, *fo. 90^v.* possitis recipere clausulas que vestro paternitati placebunt seu ad illos addere vel eiam de eisdem diminuere;¹ scientes quod istud

¹ It is not clear whether No. 245 above is the faulty proxy or the improved proxy.

mandatum, prout dictis de consilio vestro videtur, erit necessarium, precipue circa creacionem summi pontificis, quod nunc erit, ut verisimiliter creditur, hinc ad tres menses vel circa, mense Augusti anno. 1426.¹

[247. *A letter probably from Thomas Ledbury, monk of Worcester, to the abbot of Bury St. Edmunds, sending a devotional work of his own composition, and asking for payment of money due [c. 1417-19].*]

*MS. Bodley 692, fo. 148v.*²

De clero ad suum dominum et patrem spiritualem.

Preclara recomendacionis navis cum decenti subiecccionis remo, ad vestre paternitatis portum navigat reverenter. In Christo pater dignissime ac domine merito recollende, cum terrene facultatis thesauros non habeam, nec oportunas opes diviciarum possideam, quibus condigne sufficerem vestre dominacioni pro michi collatis beneficiis debitam facere recompensam, ordo racionis exigit, et debitum honestatis expostulat, ut omnimode ³ servitutis obsequium et intime affeccionis complacencias vobis indesinenter rependam; cupiens igitur iuxta mee paupertatis insufficienciam, in parvi muneras donacione premagine affeccionis evidenciam ⁴ vobis pater ostendere, id quod inter cetera magis preciosum possideo, plenum videlicet cordis mei affectum,⁵ cum intima recommendacione vobis affero et condono; mittens vobis pro exenniali munusculo unum parvum .N. in quo iuxta quadragesimalis ieunii congruenciam et sacri temporis oportunitatem, devotas intitulavi materias, que fortasse sine gravi studio lectoris animum provocabunt ad iterande lectionis frequenciam, et absque laboris tedio profundioris sentencie quesitum tribuent intellectum. Cuius libelli contenta utinam semel a vobis placenter lecta, vestre celsitudinis paternitati placerent milesies repetita. Quamvis tamen prefati voluminis scriptura congruenter non sapiat, set manum benigni correctoris expostulet, pater, dignemini, si placeat, non muneris defectum, set filiale affectum

¹ *sic*, perhaps for 1416; it is not clear whether this is the date of the letter, or the supposed date of the coming election. Actually, Martin V was elected in Nov., 1417.

² Notebook of John Lawerne, monk of Worcester, c. 1450; the letter was evidently copied as a model of elegant composition.

³ *ioode* MS.

⁴ *evidencia* MS.

⁵ *affectu* MS.

vestri humillimi oratoris benignius acceptare; concipientes ulterius
 ve amplius, quod iuxta vestre petitionis instanciam et benignum
 desiderium, quibus me nuper apud Constanciam penes venerabilem
 in Christo patrem meum priorem Wygorn' multipliciter promovistis,¹
 idem pater me modo ad actus licenciavit scolasticos,¹ quos tamen
 complere non valeo, nisi michi succurrat vestre consuete benevolencie
 munifica gratitudo. Nam excessivi sumptus et expense in statu
 me ponunt pauperimo, propter defectum pecuniarum, quas domini
 presidentes contemplacione literarum | vestrarum et domini Ebora-
 censis² michi in ultimo generali capitulo apud Northampton ultimo
 celebrato concorditer allocarunt, deliberantes iam noviter et ordinantes
 quod centum solidos allocationis prefate de vobis reciperem,³
 quos ipsi solvere nequeunt propter ardua negotia illis incumbencia,
 que omnes contribuciones ad ipsos spectantes exhausti et con-
 sumunt. Quapropter destitutus ab illis ad vos pater recurro, ad
 dominum singularem confugio, in vobis firmam spem confidenter
 repono, a vobis graciosum eventum benevole relevacionis exspecto,
 piis precibus supplicando, ut sic vestrum iuvetis filium, sic vestrum
 respiciatis alumpnum et pauperimum oratorem, ut in presenti
 necessitate de vestre liberalitatis munificencia michi optatum pro-
 fluat relevamen. Set importune quidem ago tantum patrem, talemque
 dominum et meum precipuum⁴ promotorem tantis vexando rogati-
 bus, dum satis evidenter concipio, quod de pecuniis ab ordine vobis
 debitibus vix partem decimam recepistis; quamobrem tacere cogor,
 silere compellor, ampliusque loqui prohibeo ve vereor, ne forte
 quod absit, vestram benevolenciam quovismodo displicenter offen-
 dam, in qua filialis confidencie reposui firmitatem. Silenter igitur
 tacens, nil ex meritis vendico, nil peto ex debito, nec procuratorem
 aliquem penes vos constituo, set graciam quam imploro, vestre
 voluntatis beneplacito, et arbitrio paterne discretionis comitto;
 quam paternitatem in suo regat tutamine regnorum rector, Christus
 natus de virgine. Amen.

¹ Probably for the degree of B.D., which T. Ledbury took before March,
 1419.

² Thomas Spofford, abbot of St. Mary's, York.

³ Of the £10 granted to Thomas Ledbury for his expenses at Constance,
 £5 were charged upon the abbot of Bury St. Edmunds (1417-20), see below,
 p. 185.

⁴ oratorem struck through.

[248. *Fragment of a letter from the Presidents to the prior of Durham.*

12 June [1417 or 1420?].]

Durham MS. C, IV, 25, fo. 126.

[. . .] evolat alis, quorundam nostre religionis claustrorum hostia relaxantur, ita ut quasi in ore singulorum facta sunt in fabulam, studiumque fere omnium est commune linguis laxare procates contra dictum nostrum ordinem in vituperium detestandum; unde verisimile est quod malefici nostre religionis predicte ad excessus enormiores per impunitatis licenciam provocentur, nisi de remedio oportuno solerius provideatur. Ideoque zelo religionis inducimur, ac pro communi bono nostri ordinis strictius credimus nos astringi, certos patres in quibus viget indubie spiritus sapientie et consilii sanioris de notabilioribusque personis dicti ordinis nonnullos specialiter convocare, per quos diversa negocia satis ardua nimis intricata sepedictum nostrum ordinem concernencia, que se offerunt de presenti, maturoque degesto consilio, equitatis libra districtius primitus ponderata, absque nota impedimenti longioris, per capitulum generale equanimiter et expedita valeant diffiniri Quapropter vestram paternitatem, quam nostre religionis et ordinis prospera peroptare confidimus, attencius exoramus, quatinus ordinare dignemini, ut monachus vester et confrater magister T. Rome,¹ in cuius discrecione fidem gerimus specialem, iiiij^{to} die mensis Iulii² in monasterio sancti Andree Northampton una cum confratre vestro et monacho W.³ Ebchestre⁴ intersit personaliter cum aliis patribus et personis antedicti ordinis, quibus eciam ut dictis die et loco suas exhibere presencias non omittant, scripsimus cum effectu. Ipsos namque pro tunc ibidem interesse necessarium reputamus. Et vestram paternitatem conservet in prosperis clemencia Salvatoris. Scriptum apud Westm' xij die mensis Junii

Willelmus abbas Westmonast' ⁵	}	presidentes
Willelmus abbas de Wynchecumbie ⁶		generalis
Et Johannes prior Wygorn' ⁷	}	capituli

¹ Warden of Durham College, Oxford; B.D. 1411 (below, p. 212); D.D. 1414 (*Snappa's Formulary*, Oxford Hist. Soc., 1924, p. 183); "master," here, implies D.D.

² The chapter met on 5 July in 1417, on 8 July in 1420.

³ *interlin.*

⁴ Afterwards Prior of Durham, 1446-56.

⁵ William de Colchester, 1386-c. Oct., 1420.

⁶ William Bradeley, 1395-1422.

⁷ John Fordam, 1410-38; these three were the Presidents in 1420, but not in 1414; the Presidents for 1417 are not known.

[249. *A visitor admonishes a house which he is about to visit*
 [c. 1420-30].]

MS. Cotton Titus C, IX, fo. 37v.

¹ Grata recommendacione premissa cum salute, ac utriusque hominis in Domino votivo salutis ² incremento. Reverende magister ac domine, pristine agnicionis scolastice fiducia roborati, vestre circumspetionis innotescimus nos commeancium relatibus informari, quod magnarum licium seminaria inter vos pro dolor sunt exorta, quarum occasione nisi dextra Dei atque vestris discretionibus prematuris cicius ² comprimantur, nedum vestro monasterio, verum etiam toto ordini monastico regni Anglicani scandalosa zizannia parturire verentur. Quare reverenciam vestram attencius exoramus, ut pensatis incomodis atque scandalorum periculis aliis monasteriis nostri ordinis in consimilibus excessibus in antea contingentibus, cum maturiori consilio seniorum confratrum vestrorum deliberare velitis, ut ante nostram visitacionem, cuius nuperime vestris confraternitatibus diem prefiximus, inter vos amicabili fraternitate, si comode fieri valeat, finaliter conterminetur. Et si, quod absit, inter vos finis adoptatus nequeat adipisci, consilium michi censemur per nostri ordinis patres reformari, quam per alios non tam sincero affectu religionis honorem affectantes; per hoc tamen nullatenus intendo preiudicium inferre canonice ac iuridice visitationi vestri diocesani evicino concelebrande; sed affecto ut sua plenaria potestate fruatur, sic tamen quod religionis honestas prudencius conservetur. Vos votivet ³ in prosperis Paraclitus merencium consolator. Amen. Script' manu propria etc'.

[250. John [Fordam], prior of Worcester, sole President, appoints Master John [Whethamstede], S.T.P., abbot of St. Albans, as proctor for the English Black Monks at the General Council at Pavia, or elsewhere. March, 1423. Printed in *Joh. Amundesham Annales Mon. S. Albani* (R.S.), I, 121.]

¹ From the Register of R. Bremesgrove, abbot of Evesham, 1418-35. Owing to the reference to the Bishop's visitation, it cannot be addressed to abbot Bremesgrove, who was exempt; but it may well be from him: he was visitor of Chester, 1420-3, of Chertsey, 1423-6, of the diocese of Worcester, 1426-9. The opening phrase seems to imply that the visitor and the prelate addressed were at the University together: we know that abbot Bremesgrove was *clericus et graduatus* (above, II, 150).

² *interlin.* ³ *sic.*

[251. John Whethamstede, abbot of St. Albans, proctor for the English Black Monks at the Council of Sienna, to the Presidents, asking for the appointment of more proctors, owing to the attacks against the order, in the Council [c. Nov., 1423]. Printed in *Joh. Amundesham Annales Mon. S. Albani* (R.S.), I, 143.]

[252. *The abbot of Bury St. Edmunds, president, commissions the prior of Ely to appoint the prior of Students at Cambridge, 10 Sept. [c. 1423-6 ?].*]

Ely, Register of prior Walsingham, fo. 3^v.

Venerabilis in Christo pater et domine, cum ratione officii presidencie nobis incumbit nostri ordinis scolaribus universitatis Cantabrig' de priore studencium ordinare, vestre paternitati de cuius providencia utili ac discreta per experienciam edocemur, vices nostras committimus in hac parte, deprecantes quatinus talen illis in priorem studentibus ex ipsis pro anno proximo iam futuro preferre dignetur¹ eadem paternitas, qui secundum vestram conscientiam ceteris merito debeat anteferri,² quam ad sacre religionis³ honorem ac comodum conservet Altissimus feliciter et longeve Scriptum in manerio nostro de Elmeswelle x^{mo} die mensis Septembbris.

Willelmus abbas de Bury, provincialis capituli presidens.

[*There are three other letters of the same tenor, from William, abbot of Bury, dated 31 Sept. (fo. 2), 13 Sept. (fo. 4^v), 7 April (fo. 10^v).]*

[253. *A commission from the abbot of St. Albans, President, to certain visitors [c. 1426-35 ?].*]

This is from a St. Albans MS., a miscellany connected with Abbot Whethamsted, who was president 1429-35-? The commission lasts until revoked, and apparently allows of repeated visitation (*quociens*), and at short notice. It was probably for a special visitation of certain irregular monasteries; the abbot of St. Albans, in 1426, being then President-elect for 1429, was appointed to visit in this way St. Augustine's Canterbury and Abingdon; cf. above, vol II, p. 174.

Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, MS. 230, fo. 71.

Pateat universis quod nos etc, ordinis sancti Benedicti Lincolnensis diocesis ad Romanam ecclesiam immediate subiecti, capituli

¹ ad struck through.

² anferri MS.

³ obedienciam struck through.

provincialis eiusdem ordinis ex presidentibus unus, ex certis causis et rationabilibus nos moventibus, una cum unanimi assensu et deliberacione totius capituli provincialis predicti, dilectos nobis in Christo etc, commonachos et confratres nostros, tenore presentium damus, constituimus et ordinamus visitatores, inquisitores, correctores, et reformatores, nomine nostro et totius capituli provincialis predicti, ad visitandum, inquirendum, corrigendum, et reformandum religiosa loca monasteriorum etc, ordinis predicti, quociens et quando eisdem predictis visitatoribus seu inquisitoribus videbitur necessarium, expediens et oportunum de tempore in tempus, donec huiusmodi potestatem eisdem a nobis sic commissam duxerimus revocandam; dantes et concedentes eisdem visitatoribus, in - | fo. 71^v. quisitoribus, correctoribus, seu reformatoribus nostris predictis nomine nostro et totius capituli provincialis predicti potestatem generalem et mandatum speciale, ad visitandum, inquirendum, corrigendum et reformandum in predictis monasteriis tam in capitibus quam in membris, ac eciam in singulis personis et rebus temporalibus et spiritualibus predictis eisdem monasteriis pertinentibus et annexis, secundum iuris exigenciam ac iuxta eiusdem ordinis nostri statuta pariter et decreta, cum cuiuslibet cohercionis canonice plenaria potestate. Vobis proinde venerabilibus patribus dominis videlicet abbatibus etc. monasteriorum predictorum, tenore presentium nostra ac totius capituli provincialis predicti auctoritate damus in mandatis, in virtute sancte obedientie firmiter iniungentes, ut quotiens et quando visitatores, inquisitores, correctores, seu reformatores predicti, ex parte et auctoritate nostra ac totius capituli provincialis predicti eisdem in hac parte commissa, vobis seu alicui vestrum competenter denunciaverint se velle ad loca vestra predicta, vel singulariter ad quodlibet ipsorum locorum seu fo. 72. *monasteriorum* predictorum intrare, ad huiusmodi visitacionis, inquisitionis, correctionis, seu reformatonis officium exercendum, volumus ut eorum taliter facta vobis denunciacio, cedat vobis in locum et vim premunicationis et peremptorie citacionis, ita ut vos et quilibet vestrum sibi subditos confratres et commonachos auctoritate premissa premuniat et peremptorie citet, premuniri vel citari faciat omnes et singulos, qui in hurusmodi visitacionis negocio solent seu debent de iure vel consuetudine interesse, ut una vobiscum sicut filii obedientie se preparant ad huiusmodi visitacionis officium suscipiendum simul et humiliter subeundum, paratiue sitis et sint ulterius suscepturi et facturi, quod secundum iura et ordinis nostri statuta pariter et decreta, iuri consonum fuerit et racioni, cum

continuacione et prorogacione dierum tunc sequentium, prout materia et qualitas negotii de dictamine racionis suadebit. In quorum omnium testimonium, etc.

[254. John Whethamstede, abbot of St. Albans, president, to Richard,¹ abbot of Abingdon, urging him to reform the lax discipline of his monastery [c. 1426?]. Printed, *Reg. Abb. Joh. Whethamstede* (R.S.), II, 383, from Cotton MS. Claudius D, I.]

[255. John Whethamstede, abbot of St. Albans, President of the English Black Monks [c. 1429-35] to Pope Martin V [1417-31]; in order to protect the order against external criticism and attack, such as recently arose in England, he petitions (1) pro parte ordinis . . . ut fiat . . . ratificatio, approbatio ac confirmatio, super esu carnium et receptione pecuniarum,² in ea forma qua ab eadem plenitudine postulabitur in quadam supplicatione privata; (2) for the monastery of St. Albans, certain supplications, not specified³ [c. 1429-31]. Printed, *Registrum Abb. Joh. Whethamstede* (R.S.), II, 367.]

[256. John Whethamstede, abbot of St. Albans, President, to William⁴ abbot of Malmesbury; concerning a dispute in the time of Walter [Camme, 1360-96], at Gloucester College, Oxford, between the senior monk of Malmesbury, "quem vos vocatis priorem loci," and the other students, over certain property; if the abbot of Malmesbury gives up the property, part of his contribution to the order will be remitted, and this will be entered in the acts of the provincial chapter [c. 1429-35]. Printed, *Reg. Abb. Joh. Whethamstede* (R.S.), II, 390.]

[257. Acquittance by the University of Oxford to the abbot of Abingdon, for 20 marks paid, being part of £100 voted towards the new Divinity School by the last General Chapter of the Black Monks at Northampton. Oxford, 31 April, 1430. Printed in Anstey, *Epistolae Academicae* (Oxford Hist. Soc., 1898), p. 52; cf. above, vol. II, p. 171.]

¹ Richard Boxore, 1421-7; Whethamstede, though not actually President until 1429, was in 1426 President-elect, and special visitor for Abingdon, cf. above, vol. II, p. 174.

² Cf. definition 5 in 1426, above, vol. II, p. 176.

³ but cf. the supplications in *Joh. Amundesham*, I, 153.

⁴ sic.

[258. Two similar acquittances, to the abbot of St. Albans, for 20 marks, 13 May, 1430, and 50 marks, 15 Dec., 1430. Printed in Anstey, *op. cit.*, pp. 52, 62.]

[259. The University of Oxford to John abbot of St. Albans, the prior of Durham, and William abbot of Pershore, presidents of the English Black Monks, and other prelates of the order, thanking them for their contributions towards the new Divinity School. Oxford, 27 April, 1431. Printed in Anstey, *op. cit.*, p. 62.]

[260. Letter of the University of Oxford to Humfrey Duke of Gloucester mentions the abbots of St. Albans and Abingdon [sic] as presidents of the General Chapter. Oxford, 23 Feb., 1432. Anstey, *op. cit.*, p. 78.]

[261. The Presidents, John prior of Durham, and William abbot of Pershore, appoint John abbot of St. Albans, S.T.P., Nicholas abbot of Glastonbury, William abbot of St. Mary's York, and William prior of Norwich, S.T.P.P., proctors to represent the Provincial Chapter at the Council of Basel.¹ Durham and Pershore, 31 Dec., 1432. Printed in *Hist. Dunelm. Scriptores Tres* (*Surtees Soc.*, 1839), app. p. ccxxvii.]

[262. The Presidents, John abbot of St. Albans, and John prior of Durham, appoint Nicholas abbot of Glastonbury, William abbot of St. Mary's York, and William prior of Norwich, S.T.P., proctors to represent the provincial chapter at the Council of Basel. St. Albans and Durham, 12 Jan., 1435. Printed in *Hist. Dunelm. Scriptores Tres*, app. p. ccxxxviii.]

[263. *Appeals to the Provincial Chapter, against the pretended Prior of Gloucester College, Oxford. c. 1439-41.*] *Brit. Mus. MS. Harl. 670, fo. 166v* [*a formulary*].
(i) Public instrument. In the chamber (in Gloucester College) of Mr. John Andovere, S.T.P.,² monk of Malmesbury (Malbursberi),

¹ Cf. two letters concerning attacks on the order at the Council of Basel, printed in T. Arnold, *Mem. of St. Edmunds Abbey* (R.S.), III, 252, 254, from Add. MS. 7096, fo. 161; cf. Add. MS. 14848, fo. 140; probably c. 1435.

² Andovere received, on 3 July, 1441, letters testimonial from the University (Anstey, *Epistolae Academicæ*, i, 199), probably on the completion of his necessary regency, which lasted from one to two years. I have to thank the Rev. H. E. Salter for pointing this out. Cf also vol. II, p. 213.

necessary regent in the University of Oxford, fellow of Gloucester College : in the presence of a public notary and witnesses as below : John Amysham, S.T.B., monk of Westminster,¹ and Richard Canturbery, monk of St. Augustine's, Canterbury, scholars of Oxford, and fellows of Gloucester college (consocii et fratres), commission the said John Andovere to make the following appeal : John Andovere, S.T.P., etc., as above, in the name of the said fellows of Gloucester College, fearing hostile action against them, appeals to the next general chapter of the order in England, to the Holy See, and for tuition to the Court of Canterbury. No date. Witnesses : Masters John Matby, M.A., and William Trebilvile, B Decr., of Lincoln diocese.

fo. 167. (ii) Public instrument. In quodam honesto loco vocato Westmynstr' situated in Gloucester College, Oxford : in the presence of a public notary and witnesses as below : Richard Canturberi monk of St. Aug. Cant. and Robert Assehefold monk of Bury St. Edmunds, scholars of Oxford and fellows of Gloucester College, make John Amysham, S.T.B., scholar of Oxford and fellow of Gloucester College, proctor to appeal on their behalf.

Subsequently at the same time and place, John Amysham accepts the proctorship, and on their behalf reads the following appeal :

fo. 167v. In Dei nomine, Amen. Coram vobis notario et testibus hic presentibus, ego frater Iohannes Amysham in sacra theologia bacallarius, alme universitatis Oxon' Lincolniensis diocesis scolaris, ac collegii Gloucestri' in eadem socius, procurator et nomine procuratorio religiosorum virorum Iohannis Staumfeld monachi de Buri sancti Edmundi et Iohannis Redyng monachi monasterii de Redyng, alme universitatis Oxon' Lincolniensis diocesis scolarium, ac sociorum collegii Gloucestri' in eadem, dico, allego et in hiis scriptis propono nomine proprio et nomine procuratorio predicto, quod ex parte² ac dictorum dominorum meorum, integri status, bone fame, opinionis illese et conversacionis honeste, ac in possessione premissorum existentis ac existencium ; metuentis tamen ego³ procurator predictus nomine proprio ac nomine dominorum meorum predictorum et cuiuslibet eorum de quibusdam causis probabilibus coniecturis michi seu dictis dominis meis aut eorum alicui circa premissa seu aliquod premissorum grave posse preiudicium generari in futurum ; ne quis vel qui in mei aut dictorum dominorum meorum seu alicuius eorundem preiudicium seu iniuriam circa premissa seu

¹ J. Amondesham, at Oxford, c. 1432-48; Pearce, *Monks of Westminster*, 144.

² sic : perhaps mea should be added.

³ sic.

eorum aliquod attemptet, attemptent, faciat aut faciant aliqualiter attemptari, ad proximum generale capitulum ordinis nostri in Anglia celebrandum, et si necesse fuerit, ad sacrosanctam sedem apostolicam, et pro tuicione curiam Cantuariensem palam et publice legitime extitit provocatum. Quidam tamen frater Thomas Knyȝt monachus monasterii de Glastonia, dicte alme universitatis scolaris,¹ et dicti collegii Gloucestr' in eadem universitate socius, et prior studencium se pretendens, dicta provocacione ceterisque premissis, que ipsum verissimiliter non latebant, non obstantibus, sed post et contra ea asserens et pretendens, licet minus² vere, dictum officium prioratus vacasse, ac se ad illud officium, me aut dictis dominis meis quibus ius speciale competit in hac parte non vocatis nec aliqualiter premunitis, sed absentibus non per contumaciam, ac iuris et iudiciorum ordine in hac parte de requisitis primitus pretermisis, nullo scrutinio aut inquisitione prehabitatis, per non habentem potestatem in hac parte, contra regulas, formas et tradiciones ordinis nostri in talibus in eodem collegio antiquitus usitatas, de facto prefici et in eodem collegio se priorem nominari et institui, quin verius intrudi procuravit et obtinuit nulliter et erronie; ac me Iohannem Amysham ac dominos | meos predictos et eorum quemlibet ad com- fo. 168v.
parentum coram se tanquam priorem scolarium studencium in eadem universitate certis temporibus absque causa rationabili mandavit, et licet cum difficultate coram eo comparuerim ac sic dicti domini mei comparuerint, et titulum p[re]fessionis seu ordinacionis sui officii pecierim, illud exhibere aut tradere omnino recusavit et recusat in presenti, ac me et dictos dominos meos³ ad obediendum sibi tanquam priori scolarium studencium mandavit et iniunxit, et pro non obediencia nostra me et dictos dominos meos suspendere, excommunicare et interdicere ac aliis penis canonicis punire plures comminatus est, et indies comminatur; sicque et alias me et dictos dominos meos circa premissa molestavit, inquietavit, perturbavit, molestarive, inquietari et perturbari mandavit et fecit, ac huiusmodi molestacionem, inquietacionem et perturbationem nomine suo factas ratum⁴ habuit pariter et acceptum,⁴ in mei ac dominorum meorum predictorum preiudicium non modicum et gravamen. Unde ego sensiens me ac dictos dominos meos ex premissis gravaminibus omnibus et singulis et eorum quolibet, ac ex eis que ex hiis collegi poterunt, indebito pregravari, ad dictum proximum capitulum ordinis nostri in Anglia celebrandum, et si necesse fuerit, ad sacro-

¹ secularis MS.³ added in margin.² nimis MS.⁴ sic

sanctam sedem apostolicam, et pro tuicione curiam Cantuar' in his scriptis appello et apostolos peto, primo, secundo, tertio, instanter, instancius et instantissime michi dari, fieri et deliberare cum effectu.¹ Et iuro ad hec sancta Dei evangelia per me corporaliter tacta, quod non sunt decem dies elapsi a tempore quo michi aut dictis dominis meis seu alicui eorum primum² certitudinaliter constabat de premissis gravaminibus omnibus et singulis aut aliquo eorundem. Et protestor me velle hanc appellacionem prosequi, illamque corrigere, eidemque addere, et ab eadem detrahere, pro loco et tempore congruis et oportunis, iuxta consilium iuris peritorum, iuris beneficio in omnibus semper salvo. Acta fuerunt hec prout supra scribuntur et recitantur, sub anno Domini, indicione, pontificatu, mense, die et loco predictis, presentibus tunc ibidem discretis viris magistro Willelmo Trebelvile in decretis bacallario, et Iohanne Morecoke abbatem,³ Linc', Bathonensis et Wellensis dioc' testibus ad premissa vocatis pariter et rogatis.

[264. The University of Oxford, to the presidents and General Chapter of the Black Monks assembled, commanding the following monks : William Ebchester [Durham], John Andevere [Malmesbury], Richard Barton [Durham], John Mody [Durham], John Burneby [Durham], all S.T.P., and Will. Mortone [Peterborough ?], D. Decr. Oxford, 5 July,⁴ 1441. Printed in Anstey, *Ep. Acad.*, p. 200.]

[265. Document mentioning as presidents of the Provincial Chapter, John abbot of Chertsey, and Master Robert Pruryton, sub-prior of Winchester, representing the prior of Winchester ; 1 Sept., 1442 ; printed in *Annales Joh. Amundesham* (R.S.), II, 281.]

[266. The University of Oxford, to the Provincial Chapter at Northampton, asking for the remainder of the promised contribution (cf. No. 257 above). Oxford [c. July ?], 1444. Printed in Anstey, *Ep. Acad.*, p. 242.]

¹ affectu MS.

² primam MS.

³ sic ; perhaps a misreading for arcium bac., or something similar.

⁴ sic ; the chapter met on 3 July.

[267. *The Bishop of Lincoln to the abbot of Chertsey, probably president, asking him to release the abbot of Bardney from payment of £20 due for contributions. 28 June [c. 1441-4?].*]

MS. Bodley 692, fo. 108v.

Venerabili et religioso viro, abbati de Chartesey.¹

Reverendo in Christo fratri, post reverencias debitas mutue² obsequia caritatis. Cum inter cetera pietatis opera non minimum reputamus, ut religiosis domibus, maxime vestre religionis, que collapse seu desolate extiterint, viis et modis quibus poteritis subvenire, ac ad eas reformandas, ut ad statum pristinum reducantur, vestre solicitudinis cure operam impendere debeatis; considerantes itaque quod domus vestre religionis de Berdeney nostre diocesis diu stetit quasi collapsa et multum depauperata extitit et adhuc stat et existit, ita quod nisi abbas qui nunc est,³ vir satis prudens et circumspectus, una cum nostro nostrorumque predecessorum auxilio et favore, manus adiutrices in eius subsidium nuperim apposuisse, cultus divinus ac regularis disciplina seu observancia fuissent destructi seu penitus diminuti in eadem, et ad talem statum pervenisset, quod vix aut nunquam reformari potuisset; verumptamen hiis non attentis, ab eodem abbatе, ut informamur, petitis quandam summam pecuniarum xx. li., eidem quasi intollerabilem, nomine cuiusdam impositionis sive contribucionis, et pro eisdem pecuniis modo in capitulo vestro Northampton deliberandis nuper eidem abbatи scripsistis, cui pocius in hac re subveniendum, quam aliquid ab eo in ea parte exigendum certum esse putamus. Exhortamur igitur vos et rogamus, quatenus premissis consideratis et aliis, que nos dicto abbatи et aliis vestre religionis personis fecimus et facere intendimus in futurum, eundem abbatem de Berdeney occasione huiusmodi impositionis sive contribucionis non molestetis neque permittatis ab aliis molestari, sed ob Dei honorem et religionis vestre incrementum, et magis propter nostrе deprecationis exhortacionem, eandem summam, si et quatenus debeatur, relaxetis eidem, ac eundem acquietatis sub literis in ea parte sufficienter sigillatis.

¹ John de Hermondesworth, 1419-58, abbot of Chertsey, was president c. 1441-7; the Bishop would thus be the vigorous William Alnwick, who was much concerned with Bardney, visiting it in 1438, 1440, and 1444. The letter seems to be written on the eve of a Chapter: 1441 and 1444 would agree with the Bishop's movements, 1447 would not. A. H. Thompson, *Visitations of Relig. Houses in Dioc. of Lincoln*, II, xxi, xxxvi ff., 9-34.

² mutuo MS.

³ John Waynflete, 1436-47

Et nos ad faciendum pro vobis et vestre religionis viris habebitis
promptiores. Ex London' xxvij^o Iunii.
Episcopus Lincoln'

[267A. Letter of the King [Henry VI], in English, apparently to the monks of Westminster; he has ordered the abbots of St. Albans, Abingdon, Colchester¹ and Chertsey¹ to visit Westminster Abbey on 28 Sept. 22 July [1444]. Printed, *English Historical Review*, XXXVII (1922), 88.]

[267B. John, abbot of St. Albans, William, abbot of Abingdon, William, abbot of Colchester,¹ and John, abbot of Chertsey,¹ visitors appointed by the President and general Chapter and by King Henry VI to visit Westminster Abbey, describe their visitation on 28 Sept. and 24 Oct., 1444, and suspension of the abbot. 9 Nov., 1444. Printed, *English Historical Review*, XXXVII, 85.]

[268. *William prior of St. Swithun's Winchester, provinciarum Cantuar' et Ebor' nigrorum monachorum in Anglia presidens principalis, licences Robert Puryton, sub-prior of St. Swithun's, to go on pilgrimage to Compostella, ad visitandum limina sancti Iacobi.* 24 April, 1445. *Winchester Cathedral, Reg. I, fo. 65v.*]

[268A. William, prior of Winchester, William, abbot of Colchester, and John, abbot of Chertsey, as visitors [presidents²] of the order of St. Benedict in England, having appointed the abbot of Reading and a monk Master of theology to visit the diocese of London and especially Westminster Abbey; the Pope appoints the abbot of St. Aug. Canterbury and John de Obizis, canon of York, to inquire into the grave charges made by the visitors against Edmund² abbot of Westminster, and to depose him if necessary. 23 Sept., 1446. *Calendar of Papal Registers*, VIII, 309.]

[269. *The abbots of Colchester and Chertsey [Presidents] come to Canterbury ex parte domini regis ad visitandum abbatem et conventum sancti Augustini extra muros Cant'.* 6 Feb., 1449. W. G. Searle, *Chronicle of John Stone* (Cambridge Ant. Soc., 1902), p. 45.]

¹ Presidents.

² Edmund Kyrton, 1440-62.

[270. The University of Oxford, to the Pope, commanding William Babyngton, D. Decr., abbot of Bury St. Edmunds, and principal president of the provincial chapter, now proctor for the King at the Court of Rome. Oxford, 6 April, 1449. Printed, Anstey, *Ep. Acad.*, p. 272.]

[271. *The King complains of slackness in the order, and orders the prelates to attend personally the next provincial chapter, and to undertake reforms.* 28 June [c. 1450 ?].] ¹

Bodleian, MS. Bodley 692, fo. 107v.

By the Kyng.

Trusty and welbeloved in God we grete gow wel, and late you wett that in oure progresses and iorneyes that we herefore have had in oure awen persoune in sindrey cuntreis of this our royme, we have notably parceilid and understande the grete abusions used contraire to the diu observancis that ought of right to be kept in the monasteries and places of your religion ; the whiche abusions as we understande have namly in grett parte growen for the defautte and lake of personal apperaunce and assistaunce of the notable faders and abbates of your ordre, that by colourabul manes have be excused herbefore to be absent from your general chapitres, unto the grete offense of God, we dowte not, and also to the grete disclaundre and infang² of al the religion. And forasmuche as we be gretely constrainyd and meved in conscience as our dutte is to do, to see the honorable godly and due devocion and regulary observancis in the chirche to be kept and used in our dayes to the drede and pleasones of God, as oure noble progenitours hain do, by the whiche this region hath gretely be prospered in tyme passed ; we therfore exhorte you in Goddis behalve, and in asmuch as to us pertineth by vertu of our prerogative and auctorite roial, we charche and commaunde you straitely that ye by al maner lawful sanxions and canonial cohercions compelle al the notable abbotis and sad fadres of your religion, to apere and assiste you in propre personis in your next general chapitre to be

¹ This very interesting letter naturally suggests the reform of Henry V in 1421 (above, II, p. 98 ff.), but the date and the reference to progresses do not fit in with his movements ; on the other hand, Henry VI made several progresses, c. 1448 ; and cf. the royal visitations of Westminster and St. Aug. Canterbury, above, No. 267A, 269.

² sic : for infamy ?

holden; such as can or owt avise you and sadly see due reformacion to be had and stablished in the hede and in membris of the saide religion, to the laude and pleasure of God and wele of the same. And on this we wol and charche you that ye so diligently, sadly and discretly procede and conclude herin, that neither we nor oure counseil be occasionat to be vexed, molested nor troubled in such matires as longen to the sad reformacion; and that by oure trusty and welbeloved in God the abbotte of Saint Augustini of Canturbury¹ bringer hereoff we [may?] be certified off your demenyng and quhiteng in that behalve. Yeven under oure signet at our paleys of Westmistre the xxvij die of Iuyn.

[272. The University of Oxford to the Provincial Chapter, complaining that recently some of the monk-students have removed from Oxford. Oxford, 1 July, 1465. Printed in Anstey, *Ep. Acad.*, p. 375.]

[273. William abbot of Abingdon,² principal president of the provincial Chapter, orders William abbot of St. Albans³ to appoint a Prior of Students at Cambridge. Abingdon, 7 Dec., 1465.

In accordance with the above, William abbot of St. Albans appoints Thomas Pakfelde, S.T.B., monk of St. Benet's Hulme, to be Prior of Students at Cambridge. St. Albans, 20 Jan., 1466. Printed in *Reg. Abb. Joh. Whethamstede* (R.S.), II, 53.]

[274. *The prior of Worcester sends an unruly monk to the abbot of Abingdon, President, for correction. 10 May [1466].*]

Worcester Cathedral, Reg. A.6(1), fo. xlvi.

[i.]

⁴ Ryght reverend and worschypfull fadre yn God, aftur alle humble reverens of dewe recommendacion, we hertely recommende us unto you, besechyng your good faderhode tenderly to conceyve and remembre the gret dyscencyons and materes of dyscorde the

¹? George Pensherst, 1430-57.

² Will. Asshendon, 1436-69.

³ Will. Albon, 1464-75.

⁴ The address is not given, but is evidently the same as in the more formal document which follows.

which of long tyme han be movyd among us and our brethren by the subtyll' and fraudelent meanes of oon' dampn' William Wallewen', a brother of ourys the which all hys dayes hath be and yet ys of foward dysposicion contrary to hys relygyon', for the reformacion of the which our bysshopp late hath vysyte us, yn whose vysytacion' sufficyently ys understoude and openly knownen the synfull dysposicion, mysgovernaunce and unreligynous de-meanur of the said William; where hit hath lyked our said Bysshopp to remytte the said William wt alle his compertis and processe made ayenst hym, unto your good faderhode yn your monastery to be punysshed accordyng to the lawe, rewles of our order and laudable customes usyd amōng us; wherfore we besechen your said good faderhode for the worshyp of our relygyon, pees and tranquillyte of our brethren, reformacion and utter subduyng of such yll and malycyous dysposed people to shewe your good faderhode unto us yn thys behalfe, and to yeve us such dyreccion and advyse as may sownde moost to the pleasur of God, and that we may be acerteyned by the beerer of thys, to whom we beseche your good faderhode to yeve credence yn such materes as he shall by your lycence and favour shewe unto you on our behalfe. And almyghty Ihesu preserve your good faderhode to the worshipfull¹ of our relygyon from all aduersite nowe and ever. Wryten at Worcetur the x. day of May.

By your own Thomas, prior of Worcetur.²

Hec litera sigillata est cum sigillo armorum dicti prioris.

[ii.]

Reverendissimo in Christo patri ac domino domino Wilhelmo Dei *fo. xlvi.*
gracia abbati monasterii de Abyndon' ordinis sancti Benedicti
Sar' diocesis et eiusdem ordinis per totam Angliam presidenti,
Thomas permissione divina prior ecclesie cathedralis beate Marie
Wigorn' dicti ordinis sancti Benedicti et eiusdem loci conventus,
salutem cum omni obediencia et honore. Noverit paternitas vestra
quod reverendus in Christo pater et dominus dominus Iohannes Dei
gracia Wigorn' episcopus visitacionem suam ordinariam in nobis et
prioratu nostro actualiter exercens,³ nonnulla gravia et quam pluria
comperita quendam fratrem Willelmum Wallewen' commonachum
et confratrem nostrum, reformacionem non modicam indigencia,
invenerit concernencia, ac ipsum fratrem Willelmum iuris ordine

¹ *sic: a word omitted.*

² Thomas Musard, 1445-69.

³ MS. exercent.

observato in eisdem reum et culpabilem ad omnem iuris effectum declaraverit. Et quia ipsorum compertorum quedam regularem disciplinam et religionis observanciam, quedam vero ordinis honestatem et prioratus predicti utilitatem concernunt, consideratoque senio, impotencia et infirmitatibus quibus nos prefatus Thomas prior predictus indies simus vexati; et ne ipse tam super inobedientia, incontinencia, conspiracione, apostasia, quam aliis enormibus et gravibus criminibus fixione¹ iuris legitime convictus, in audaciam ceterorum delinquencium ac prioratus predicti vituperium nonmodicum necnon tocius nostri scandalum manifestum transeat impunitus; ipsum fratrem W. vobis ut presidenti nostri ordinis per nos transmittendum et iuxta canonicas sancções et regulas nostri ordinis puniendum fore decreverit, prout actualiter cum compertis et toto processu in ea parte habito quantum in ipso erat transmisit, et ad omnem effectum tam iuris quam regularum nostri ordinis per nos paternitati vestre transmitti voluit. Hinc est quod nos qui sub alis vestre proteccionis secundum regulas nostri ordinis inpresenti vivere comprobemur, paternitati vestre, in qua plurimum confidimus, ut a delinquentibus audacia trahatur delinquendi, et nocentes rei et culpabiles iuxta sua demerita canonice corrigantur, ita cicias quod bona fama nostri ordinis in terris magis ac magis crescat quam pereat, non parcendo,² vos qui clipeum estis nostre defensionis ac religionis tocius ordinis nostri,² propter potentiam procerum³ et magnatum aut literarum principum, ducum, comitum et baronum ac aliorum potentum, in quibus ac consanguinitate et affinitate suis ipse Willelmus multum confisus fuerat, in tantum quod magis sibi quam ordinis utilitati et honori adherebat, ipsum fratrem Willelum inobedientem, incontinentem, apostamatam, conspiratorem ac super aliis diversis criminibus notorie irrititum et convictum, prout in literis dicti reverendi patris plenius apparere poterit, transmittimus per presentes; humiliter supplicantibus et devote quatenus prefatum Willelmum in presenti recipere ac in monasterio vestro sua gravissima peccata in corpore suo luere ac penitenciam subscriptam pro commissis fideliter peragere⁴ dignemini prout iustum fuerit. Penitenciam vero per ipsum inibi faciendam sic duximus moderandam,⁵ videlicet quod dictus Willelmus ad observationem chori tam diebus, quam noctibus omnino constringatur, ac locum habeat in choro inter iuniores presbiteros, et quod limites monasterii ultra duo miliaria non exeat, nec universi-

¹ sic MS.²⁻² This seems a parenthesis; or perhaps misplaced?³ MS. pro eorum.⁴ sic.⁵ MS. moderandum.

tatem Oxon' quoquomodo introeat, nec seculares¹ et presertim scolares Oxon'¹ ad frequens colloquium suum recipere valeat, inter² publicos habeat accessus ad hospicia, tabernas et alia loca, ubi concursus populi multum habeatur, set vigilet in oracionibus, chorum et claustrum observando, in refectorio iij^{or} diebus in septimana se reficiendo, ac alia pietatis et devocationis opera exercendo in eisdem usque ad proximum capitulum nostrum generale in monasterio vestro de diebus in dies continuando, ut apcior fiat in dicto capitulo veniam in ceteris habere et remissionem. In quo ipsum una cum compertis et processu predictis volumus et ordinamus comparere super aliis articulis per nos adtunc sibi ministrandis responsurum. Et paternitatem vestram prelibatam per intercessionem sancti Benedicti nostri ordinis patroni et fundatoris diu conservet in prosperis Filius Virginis immaculate. Et insuper promittentes et nos tenore presencium obligantes vobis in consimili negocio quandocunque fuerimus interpellati mutua agitacione recompensari, ac pro singulis diebus quibus dictus Willelmus vobiscum moram fecerit, duos denarios iuxta regulas nostri ordinis persolvere, una cum graciarum accione et suffragiis et oracionibus nostris in futurum. In cuius rei testimonium.

[275. Memorandum that the abbot of St. Albans, by virtue of letters received from the abbot of Abingdon, president, has appointed Richard Thurylbury, monk of St. Mary's York, to be Prior of Students at Cambridge, on the election of Thomas Pakfelde, former prior, to be prior of St. Benet's Hulme, 16 Jan., 1467. Printed in *Reg. Abb. Joh. Whethamstede*, II, 59-60.]

[276. *The prior of Durham orders the monks in the cells dependent upon Durham to obey the statutes published by the last provincial chapter [c. Oct., 1471].*]

Durham Reg. Parv. III, fo. 149.

Mandatum domini prioris ad servandum statuta in capitulo generali edita.

Ricardus³ permissione divina prior ecclesie cathedralis Dunelm', predilectis confratribus et commonachis nostris cellarum de Fynchall, Insule Sacre, Iarow, Wermouth et Farneland prioribus et magistris omnibus et singulis, salutem. Mandavit nobis nuper venerabilis et

¹⁻¹ inserted in right margin.

² sic ? for nec.

³ Richard Bell, 1464-79.

religiosus vir presidens capituli generalis nostri ordinis apud Northampton ultimo celebrati, quatenus certa laudabilia statuta in eodem capitulo communi ibidem interessencium assensu edita, nobisque transmissa, tam in nostra propria persona servaremus, quam per vos et alios confratres nostros omnes et singulos laudabiliter observari faceremus sine mora. Vobis igitur, prioribus et magistris antedictis, in virtute obediencie firmiter iniungendo mandamus, quatenus huiusmodi statuta vobis presentibus transmissa iuxta exigenciam et tenorem eorundem, quatenus ad vos et vestrum unumquemque vestrum attinet, fideliter observetis, et per ceteros confratres nostros vobiscum degentes sic observari faciatis absque fraude. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Datum etcetera.

[277. *Confraternity granted by the Provincial Chapter, 1480.*]
MS. Cotton Vitellius, E, XVII, fo. 248v.

¹ [.] Cecilia mater serenissimi regis Edwardi iiiijti in consororem tocius nostre religionis in capitulo generali apud N[.]¹ anno ut supra.

Item in eodem die et anno ut supra [.] fuit Anna ducissa de Bukyngham in consororem ut supra.

[278. Resignation of John Wyttesham prior of Little Malvern in the presence of the Bishop of Worcester, 19 July, 1480. The Bishop of Worcester sends four monks of Little Malvern, to be reformed, to the abbot of Gloucester, president,² and sends the ex-prior to the abbot of Abingdon, president,³ with a request to send him back to the house of his profession, Battle Abbey, 21 July, 1480. Dugdale, *Monasticon*, IV, 451.]

[278A. *Description of the meeting of the Chapter at Coventry, 2-4 July, 1498.*]

Printed: *Coventry Leet Book (Early English Text Soc., Orig. Series 138)*, p. 588.

This zere the Chaptur of blak monkes was kept at Couentre about þe visitacion of our Lady. And many of them cam on the

¹ Ms. damaged; the missing words would apparently have supplied the date, 1480, and the place, Northampton, as given in the old Catalogue of the Cottonian MSS. (ed. Tho. Smith, 1696), p. 101.

² Will. Farley, 1472-98.

³ John Saute, 1469-95.

Seturday¹ at nyght, & some on þe Morowe & taried there vnto Wensday; at which day they had a general procession.² And they came forth at þe south durre in þe Mynstere & toke their wey thurgh the newe bildyng downe þe Bailly-lane. And the Maire & his Brethern in their scarlet Clokes with all the Craftes in theire best araye stode vnder þe Elme in Seynt Mighelles Chirchȝard. And all þe pensels of þe Cite before them: whech pensels there went before the Crosse, & þe Maire with his Brethern & the Craftes stode styll till þe presidentes cam whom the Maire toke be þe handes & welcomed them to town, & so folowed þe procession; which procession went down the Bailly-lane, & so forth as is vsually vsed on seynt George day; & so into þe Priory; & there was a solempne sermon seyde, where the Maire there satte betwixt both presidentes, & after sermon doon they departed euery man to his loggyng & som with the Maire to dyner, as dyuers of them did before. And so the departed furth of þe Cite etc.³

NOTE ON WOLSEY'S REFORM.

At the end of 1519 and at the beginning of 1520, Cardinal Wolsey attempted a reform of the English Black Monks. The following stages in the proceedings can be traced:

(a) Wolsey summoned some of the prelates to appear at his house at Westminster on 12 Nov., 1519, to discuss the reform: No. 279.

(b) By Wolsey's orders, the presidents summoned a provincial chapter to be held at Westminster on the first Monday in Lent [26 Feb., 1520]: Nos. 281, 282. The date, about which there is some uncertainty in these documents, seems fixed by the following entries in the *Journal of prior William More* [of Worcester], (Worcester Hist. Soc., 1914), p. 96: 11th week after Michaelmas [= Dec., 1519]: "Item rewarded to ye abbot of Wynchcombe servant bryngyng a commaundement for ye generall chapter and to apere at Westminster before my Lord Cardinall 3 s. 4.d." *Ibid.*, p. 101: 9th week after Christmas [= Feb., 1520]: "Item in rewarde and gyfts to my servants thad ryde with me to London to ye generall chapter and for ther expenses 40.s."

(c) Either before the November meeting, or perhaps more probably before the Lenten meeting, Wolsey put forward a book of statutes

¹ 30 June; the Chapter began on Monday, 2 July (cf. p. 217, below).

² for the procession and sermon *clero et populo*, on the third day, cf. above, vol. II, pp. 155, 180.

³ There follows an account of how the mayor on this occasion fixed the price of victuals.

for the reform of the order, to which the assembled monks objected, as being too strict: No. 283. The statutes have not survived, but cf. Wolsey's statutes for the Augustinian Canons (1520-1), Wilkins, III, 683.

[279. *The abbot of Reading certifies that he has received a summons to appear before Wolsey at Westminster on 12 Nov. 12 Oct., 1519.]*

Salisbury Diocesan Registry, Register of Reading Abbey, fo. 8ov.

Reverendissimo in Christo patri et domino, domino Thome misericordie divina tituli sancte Cecilie sacrosancte Romane ecclesie presbytero cardinali, Eboracensi archiepiscopo, Anglie primati, et apostolice sedis legato¹ ipsiusque regni Anglie cancellario, necnon sanctissimi domini nostri Leonis divina providencia pape decimi dicteque sedis ad potentissimum et illustrissimum principem ac dominum nostrum Henricum Dei gratia Anglie et Francie regem universumque eius Anglie regnum ac omnes et singulas ipsius regni provincias, civitates, terras atque loca, illi subiecta et alia illi adjacencia eciam de latere legato, vester humilis et devotus abbas monasterii Radingie Sar' diocesis, obedienciam et reverenciam tanto patri condignas² cum honore. Mandatum vestrum reverendum secundo die mensis Octobris ultime preterito cum ea qua decuit reverencia et honore recepi, sub eo quo sequitur tenore verborum:³

Nos itaque Thomas Cardinalis et legatus de latere antedictus, huiusmodi legacionis onus pro divina et ipsius sanctissimi domini nostri ac sedis. predice reverencia iuxta datam a Deo nobis providenciam sollicite adimplere cupientes, ac tam ex iuris communis dispositione, quam prefati sanctissimi domini nostri Leonis pape speciali commissione, omnia et singula huiusmodi⁴ regni Anglie et locorum predictorum monasteria et loca religiosa exempta et non-exempta eorumque prelatos, presidentes et ministros visitandi, corrigendi et reformati potestatem habentes, ac super huiusmodi reformatioне quo melius et efficacius fieri poterit, necnon super nonnullis aliis articulis honorem Dei, religionis augmentum et religiosarum personarum decorem ac vivendi modum concernentibus, tam tecum, quam cum aliis tue religionis prelatis, prioribus et presidentibus conferre, tractare, et deliberare cupientes; te monemus ac in virtute obediencie firmiter iniungendo mandamus,

¹ MS. segato.

² condigno.

³ The first part of the letter is evidently omitted

⁴ MS. huius.

quatinus in crastino sancti Martini episcopi et confessoris proxime futuro in edibus solite residencie nostre prope Westmonasterium *fo. 81.* Londoniensis diocesis personaliter assis et compareas, super huiusmodi reformacione et aliis premissis tunc ibidem lacius proponendis et exponendis nobiscum, sive nostro in hac parte commissario uno vel pluribus, aliisque abbatibus, prioribus et presidentibus tunc nobiscum ibidem ad eundem finem simili modo affuturis, tractaturus, deliberaturus, consulturus et conclusurus, ulteriusque facturus, quod in hac parte iustum videbitur et iuri et rationi consonum. De diebus vero receptionis presencium, et quid in premissis decreveris faciendum, nos aut nostrum commissarium circa¹ festum sanctorum apostolorum Simonis et Iude proxime futurum debite certifices litteris tuis patentibus harum seriem continentibus sigillo suo sigillatis. Datum sub sigillo nostro in edibus nostris predictis, primo die mensis, etc., anno Domini millesimo, etc.

Cui quidem mandato vestro reverendo iuxta vim, formam et effectum eiusdum, die et loco prenominatis obediendo comparabo² cum effectu. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum presentibus apposui. Datum in monasterio nostro antedicto duodecimo die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo³ decimo nono.

[280. Certificatorium mandati reverendissimi cardinalis Thome Eboracensis archiepiscopi ad comparendum pro novis statutis edendis : *Will. abbot of Gloucester, to Thomas Cardinal Wolsey, etc. ; has received his mandate on 27 Sept., at Senbrugge iuxta Glouc' ; [the tenor of the mandate is not given, but perhaps it is that contained in No. 279, above] ; the abbot promises to appear. No date : but occurs between documents dated 20 Dec., 1519, and 19 Jan., 1520. Gloucester Cathedral, Reg. of Malverne, pt. I, fo. 164.]*

[281. Two of the presidents summon the prior of Worcester to attend a chapter at Westminster, in the presence of Cardinal Wolsey, on the Monday of the first week in Lent. 24 Nov. [1519].]

Worcester, Reg. A 6 (2), fo. 121.

Iohannes⁴ et Ricardus⁵ divina misericordie monasteriorum Westmonasterii et Wynchelcumbe abbates, nigrorum monachorum

¹ *sic.*

² *sic.*

³ MS quinagesimo.

⁴ John Ishp, 1500-32.

⁵ Richard Kidderminster, 1488-1525.

in Anglia humiles presidentes, reverendo in Christo patri priori de Wygornia, cum observacione regulari et honore religionis salutem. Nuper siquidem existentes cum quibusdam aliis patribus in presencia reverendissimi sanctissimi domini nostri Leonis pape decimi et apostolice sedis de latere legati,¹ iniunctum est nobis ab eodem patre generale ordinis capitulum die lune prime ebdomade quadragesime proximo futuro apud Westmonasterium incipendum; in quo quidem capitulo voluit idem reverendissimus pater omnes nostre religionis abbates et priores abbates non habentes omni excusacione cessante interesse, propter magna et ardua negotia communem religionem concernenciam.² Nos igitur predicti presidentes tam ipsius reverendissimi patris legati expresso mandato, quam per obedienciam quam religioni debetis, vestram paternitatem volumus esse per presentes premonitam, et die et loco³ prenominatis cessante canonico impedimento eodem capitulo interesse studeatis periculo incumbente. Et sic valeat reverenda paternitas vestra semper in Domino. xxiiij. die mensis Novembris

Johannes abbas Westmon', primus presidens.

Ricardus abbas Winchelcombensis, tertius presidens.

[282. *The prior of St. Swithun's Winchester appoints proctors for the provincial chapter summoned before Wolsey, at Westminster, on 26 Feb., 1520. 14 Feb., 1520.]*

Winchester Cathedral, Reg. II, fo. 23v.

Procuratorum prioris exhibitum coram domino Thoma Wolsey cardinali et legato.

⁴ Pateat universis per presentes quod ego Thomas Sylksted prior ecclesie cathedralis sancti Swythuni Wynton' ordinis sancti Benedicti, dilectos michi in Cristo domninos Willelmum Broke sacre theologie bachelarium, suppriorem, Iohannem Avynton sacre theologie professorem, Willelmum Manyndowne sacre theologie bachelarium, elemosinarium, Iohannem Mene, sacristam, et Iohannem Merton, precentorem, commonachos et confratres prioratus ecclesie cathedralis Wynton' predicte, coniunctim et eorum quemlibet per se divisim et insolidum, ita quod non sit melior condicio occupantis, nec deterior subsequentis, set quod unus eorum

¹ probably the meeting on 12 Nov., 1519, No 279, above.

² continencia MS.

³ premonitus struck through.

⁴ This document is written in an italic hand.

inceperit, ipsorum quilibet id libere exequi valeat, mediare pariter et finire, meos¹ veros, certos et indubitos procuratores, actores factores, executores, negotiorumque meorum gestores ac nuncios speciales, necnon ordino,² facio et constituo per presentes, doque et concedo eisdem procuratoribus meis coniunctim et divisim eorum cuilibet et insolidum per se ut prefertur potestatem generalem et mandatum speciale pro me et nomine meo coram reverendissimo in Christo patre et domino, domino Thoma miseratione divina tituli sancte Cecilie sacrosancte Romane ecclesie presbitero cardinali, Eboracensi archiepiscopo, Anglie primate, et apostolice sedis legato, ipsiusque regni Anglie cancellario, necnon sanctissimi domini nostri Leonis divina providencia pape decimi dicteque sedis ad potentissimum et illustrissimum principem dominum nostrum Henricum Dei gracia Anglie et Francie regem universumque eius Anglie regnum ac omnes ipsius regni provincias, comitatus, terras atque loca illi subjecta et alia illi adiacencia eciam de latere legato, ipsius ve reverendissimi³ patris commissariis sive commissario in hac parte deputatis sive deputandis, in edibus solite residencie dicti reverendissimi patris prope Westmonasterium Londoniensis diocesis, feria secunda prime ebdomade quadragesime, videlicet vicesimo sexto die mensis instantis Februarii proximo futuro, cum continuazione et prorogatione dierum ac limitatione locorum si oporteat fiendis, comparendi, absenciamque meam quoad personalem comparicionem excusandi, ac causam, causas absencie mee huiusmodi ob defectum visus oculorum meorum ac senectutem et alias egritudines languores et infirmitates corporis mei quibus impresciarum premor et detentus sum, quorum occasione absque magno mei corporis incommodo et vite periculo ac gravi et inevitabile dampno coram predicto reverendissimo patre, loco et die predictis personaliter comparere non possum, allegandi, proponendi et probandi, ac iuramenta quecumque in hac parte requisita in animam meam prestandi, subeundi et iurandi, necnon quibuscumque tractatibus et communicationibus de et super reformacione religionis mee coram dicto reverendissimo patre loco ve⁴ commissariis sive commissario in hac parte habendis nomine meo interessendi, ac super quibuscumque articulis honorem Dei religionis augmentum ac religiosarum personarum decorum et vivendi modum concernentibus, si qui tales tunc et ibidem propositi fuerint, cum eodem reverendissimo patre eius ve commissariis sive commissario et aliis ad illum effectum tunc et ibidem congregatis tractandi,

¹ meo MS² sic.³ regni MS.⁴ sic.

communicandi, deliberandi, consulendi et concludendi, ac quibus-cunque licitis et canonicis ad honorem Dei, religionis augmentum, personarum decorem inibi ordinandis, statuendis et decernendis expresse consciendi, et aliis expresse dissenciendi, contradisendi, copiamque omnium et singulorum articulorum reformationem religionis huiusmodi concernentium et ibidem proponendorum et exponendorum ac aliorum actorum ad tunc et ibidem agendorum, et terminum competentem ad deliberandum super eisdem asignari nomine meo petendi, ac quascumque protestationes mihi in hac parte necessarias et requisitas coram dicto reverendissimo patre seu eius in hac parte commissariis sive commissario faciendi, et realiter protestandi, provocandi et appellandi, provocaciones et appellaciones huiusmodi notificandi et intimandi, ac eas et earum causas cum effectu prosequendi et finiendo, apostolosque petendi et recipiendi, alium insuper seu alios procuratorem sive procuratores loco ipsorum et eorum cuiuslibet substituendi, ac substitutum seu substitutos huiusmodi revocandi, et procuratoris officium in ippos et eorum quemlibet reassumendi, quo ciens et cum eis seu eorum alicui ad id melius videbitur expedire, et generaliter [?] omnia alia et singula faciendi et exercendi et expediendi, que in premissis et circa ea fuerint seu quomodolibet oportuna, licet mandatum de se magis exigant speciale quam presentibus est expressum, et que in premissis egomet facerem seu facere possum, si presens personaliter interessem, promittoque me ratum, gratum et firmum pro perpetuo habiturum totum et quicquid dicti procuratores mei seu eorum aliquis, substituti ve aut substituendi ab eisdem seu eorum aliqui fecerint sive fecerit in premissis vel aliquo premissorum, sub hypotheca et obligacionem omnium et singulorum bonorum meorum, et in ea parte caucionem expono per presentes. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum officii prioratus mei presentibus apposui. Datum Wynton' infra monasterium sancti Swythuni predicti, quartodecimo die mensis Februarii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo ¹

[*Preceding this, on fo. 23, is a similar, but shorter proxy, dated 16 Feb., 1519[-20], appointing Henry Broke sub-prior, John Avynton, D.D., John Mene, John Morton, and Will. Manidowene, B.D., proctors to appear in provincial chapter at Westminster, on Monday in first week of Lent.*]

¹ *sic; according to contemporary computation, it should be given as 1519*

[283. *The Black Monks assembled in provincial chapter state their objections to Cardinal Wolsey's proposed reforms [c. 12 Nov., 1519, or Feb., 1520].*]

[P.R.O., S.P. 1/32, p. 242: paper, 12½ × 17½ in.; written in a very careful italic hand; no sign of a seal; probably the original letter received by Wolsey. There is a copy in Worcester Cathedral Reg. A 6 (2), fo. 121 (= W).]

Reverendissime in Christo pater et domine merito observandissime, libellum de statutis pro ordine divi¹ patris Benedicti a vestra sacra dominatione nobis superiore hebdomada oblatum a principio usque ad calcem omni qua decuit reverentia perlegimus. In quo tametsi plura deprehendimus, quæ a bonis monachis omni studio et animi oblectatione amplexanda existunt, nonnulla tamen inter legendum occurserunt, que nobis videntur maioris esse austeritatis, quam ut possint ab monachis in² hac nostra infelici tempestate observari. Tantus siquidem in Anglia continetur monachorum numerus, tanta et tam ampla sunt eorum cenobia et loca, ut omnino sit factu difficile (saltem quoad humanam industriam) quod tanta multitudo absque murmure et magna animi rebellione in austeritatem regularis observanciæ subito revocetur. Idcirco nos eiusdem ordinis humiles ac indignissimi ministri, sacratissimæ vestræ paternitatis deditissimi clientuli ac obedientissimi filii, votis omnibus ad sacra genua vestra provoluti, supplicissime petimus atque precamur, quatenus vestra clementissima dominatio suæ solite pietatis ac compassionis oculos in nos et prefatum ordinem nostrum benigne misericorditerque convertat, ut sua sancta ac sagacissima industria, suo divino et longe suprahumano ingenio, sua denique superabundantissima³ sapientia, ita omnia in hac futura monachorum reformatione modificantur, ita tractentur ardua atque difficiliora, ut neque nostre religionis infirmi monachi in fugam ac apostasiam convertantur, neque in suos pastores aliquo diabolico impetu (quod Deus prohibeat) subito insurgant, nec etiam hii qui ordinem nostrum ingredi statuerint, ob nimiam austeritatem atque rigorem eandem religionem aut abhorreant, aut fugiant. Quoniam proculdubio, si singula in prefati ordinis reformatione in nimiam austeritatem atque rigorem tenderent, non haberemus monachos, saltem quoad condecentem et sufficientem numerum, qui tot tantaque nostra⁴ monasteria inhabitent. Nam si tot essent

¹ om W

³ + et maxima W

² om W.

⁴ qui tanta nostra W.

in Anglia aut sacri ordinis Carthusiensium, aut ordinis dive Brigitte, seu fratrum minorum de observantia, quot sunt ipsorum monachorum cenobia, profecto non videmus unde possit tanta multitudine colligi, ut ex eis eorum loca sustentari valerent. Quoniam in hac nostra tempestate (mundo iam in suum finem declinante) per pauci sint atque rarissimi, qui vite austерitatem et observanciam regularem cupiant. Hec omnia (pater sanctissime) utcunque diximus, non ut quicquam commemoremus faciendum, quod antea non fuerit a vestra sancta¹ dominatione satis precogitatum, satis que recognitum, sed concitati pocius affectu nostro, plane aperuimus quam maxime consolatione et auxilio reverendissime dominationis vestre in his omnibus indigernus. Cui et nos omnes et totam indigentiam nostram cum omni humilitate, obedientia et reverentia quam tam sanctissimo patri prestare poterimus, cum nostris perpetuis obsequiis et deprecationibus semper atque suppliciter commendamus, pater sanctissime et domine merito observandissime.

Perpetue vestre salutis fidissimi deprecatores,² clientuli humiles et indignissimi ministri ordinis nigrorum monachorum in Anglia iam Londini ex vestro mandato congregati.

[endorsed:]

Reverendissimo in Christo patri ac domino d. Thome divina miseratione sacrosancte Romane ecclesie cardinali tituli sancte Cecilie presbytero, ac a summi pontificis latere legato dignissimo, Anglie primati, eiusdemque totius magno cancellario quamoptime merito.

[284. *Visitation of Malmesbury Abbey by the abbot of Gloucester, on behalf of the abbot of Westminster, president. 20 Dec., 1527.]*

P.R.O., S.P. I/45, fo. 224-232.

Acta in domo capitulari monasterii beate Marie et sancti Aldelmi de Malmyisbury xx^{mo}³ die mensis Decembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo [xx]vii^o⁴ coram honorabili viro Willelmo⁵ Dei pacientia abbate monasterii sancti Petri Gloucestr' Wigorniensis diocesis commissario sive reformatore ad infrascripta sufficienter et legitime deputato.

¹ om W.

² + et deditissimi W.

³ ? corr. from xxv^o.

⁴ xx apparently erased: but 1507 is impossible, on account of the persons mentioned

⁵ William Parker or Malvern 1514-40

Idem honorabilis pater abbas monasterii sancti Petri de Gloucestr' commissarius antedictus exhibuit commissionem reverendi patris et domini, domini Iohannis¹ Dei gracia abbatis monasterii exempti sancti Petri Westmonasterii ad Romanam curiam nullo medio pertinentis, ordinis sancti Benedicti, nigrorum monachorum in Anglia presidentis. Quam quidem commissionem prefatus honorabilis pater Willelmus monasterii sancti Petri Gloucestr' predicti abbas cum ea qua decuit reverencia quarto die mensis Decembbris anno Domini suprascripto in² quadam parlura infra manerium suum de Prynkemarch Wigorn' diocesis coram circumspectis viris Iohanne Trye generosi et Thoma Hale notario publico testibus ad hoc vocatis et requisitis recepit, et onus huiusmodi commissionis predicte, cuius tenor sequitur et est talis; Iohannes Dei gracia abbas exempti monasterii sancti Petri Westmonasterii etc,³ in se assumpsit, et pro iurisdictione sua in ea parte decrevit ac monitionem sive citacionem suam ad effectum infrascriptum emanavit; necnon magistrum Thomam Grenow alias Baker in legibus bacallarium notarium publicum in actorum suorum scribam et registrarium elegit in hac parte. Et denique predictus reverendus pater Willelmus abbas monasterii sancti Petri Gloucestr' die xx^o Decembbris anno Domini suprascripto ad dominum capitularem exempti monasterii sancti Aldelmi de Malmysbury personaliter accedens, ubi per venerabilem et circumspectum virum dompnum Gabrielem Moreton predicti monasterii sancti Petri Gloucestr' sacre theologie bacallarium verbo Dei in latina lingua proposito, ac⁴ quadam constitucione ordinem sancti Benedicti concernente per⁵ commissarium perfecta; necnon certificatorio per venerabilem patrem Ricardum⁶ Dei patientia abbatem dicti monasterii de Malmysbury tunc ibidem exhibito, ac vocatis prefato abbe et omnibus aliis commonachis et confratribus dicti monasterii ac personaliter ibidem comparentibus, et nullo oppositore contra commissionem predictam vel personam cui committebatur interveniente, set unanimiter in eundem commissarium consentientibus, prefatus commissarius assumpto sibi magistro Thoma Phelips alias Taylour notario publico ad supplendum vices dicti magistri Thome Grenow alias Baker in legibus bacallarii, actorum suorum scribe, ut premittitur, constituti,

¹ John Islip, 1500-32.

² manerio suo *struck through*.

³ Cf. the unfinished document on fo. 230 (p. 133, below).

⁴ certificatorio *struck through*.

⁵ dictum *struck through*.

⁶ Richard Cam, apparently to be identified with Rich. Frampton (*alias* Selwin), 1509-39.

aliunde occupantis, decrevit ad procedendum fore ulterius in dicta visitacione prout sequitur.¹

p. 224^{r.} Comparens dompnus Ricardus Cam abbas ibidem, interrogatus et examinatus necnon ex conscientia sua oneratus, deponit et confessus est quod non habet debitam obedienciam, set quod multi commonachi sui non sunt² obedientes et³ sunt contumaces et rebelles contra obedienciam, auctoritatem spernentes tam in verbis quam in factis, et cum peccata graviora perpetraverunt, obstinanter³ defendunt et correctionibus ordinariis resistunt. Et quod sunt aliqui fautores et eciam defensores sub eius obediencia, qui predictos monachos in predictis defendenterunt. Et eciam quod sunt aliqui sub sua obediencia, qui graviora peccata perpetrarunt, et propter occasiones predictas adhuc incorrecta et impunita remanent; ut nuper in vigilia sancti Martini ultimo preteriti circa horam septimam post meridiem contingebat quod⁴ octo monachi dicti monasterii hostiliter armati, videlicet cum arcubus, sagittis, gladiis, fustibus et aliis armis invasivis, ianuas abbatis ibidem obsiderunt, ac easdem frangere proponentes ac mortis periculum abbatis predicti crudeliter minantes; ac carcerem abbatis ibidem frangerunt, et duos monachos ibidem pro delictis suis intrusos eripuerunt et relaxarunt a carcere predicto.⁵ Et qui predicta enormia perpetrarunt hii sunt; dompn Thomas Gloucest^r, videlicet et Iohannes London' principales, cum auxilio et assensu dompnorum Thome Purton', Willelmi Bristow, Willelmi Bisley, Roberti Sodbury, Willelmi Wynchecombe, Thome Frocet^r et Roberti Ciscet^r et Ricardi Glastonbury. Et quod predictus Thomas Gloucestour cepius⁷ fuit in apostasia, habitum temerarie dimittendo, videlicet bis apud Gloucestriam, et semel apud Dursley, et muros scandendo visualiter plusquam quadragesies in villa de Malmesbury cum personis illicitis et meritricibus, furtumque manifestum committendo, videlicet magistrum proprium spoliando ac vestimenta et lectisternia confratrum suorum furtive surripiendo, ac arma quotidie contra religionem suam portando, et mortem confratrum suorum minando. Et quod Iohannes London predictus manus violentas iniecit in confratres suos eos graviter, tam in ecclesia, quam in dormitorio, ledendo et vulnerando. Et quod⁸ crimen apostasie ter in duobus annis elapsis com-

¹ interlined.

² interlined over set struck through.

³ obtinanter MS.

⁴ dompn Thomas Gloucest^r struck through.

⁵ De quibus struck through.

⁶ in left margin.

⁷ sic.

⁸ comisit str.

Thomas
Gloucest^r ⁶

Johannes
London⁸

misit. Preterea in crimine predicto comparti¹ fuerunt ter *Ricardus Ashton* habitu dimisso et *Walterus Bristow* ter vel quater sine licencia abbatis ad libitum proprium monasterium ac villam Bristollie et alia loca ut apud Braydon et alia loca³ suspecta meritrices fovendo ac eas in consortio eorundem habentes, in scandalum monasterii predicti et tocius religionis⁴ eorum vituperium. Et quod *Thomas Purton* et *Robertus Elmore* apostitarunt apud Purton per diem et noctem sine licencia superioris, et quod furtum commiserunt, unum aureum de bursa Iohannis Combe confratris eorum furtive surreverunt. Et quod *Ricardus Glastonbury* de incontinencia convictus est, et circuit villam ac exiit septum monasterii sine licencia superioris, et est contumax atque inobediens auctoritatem superioris contempnens ac iniunctiones sibi iniunctas minime observans, et quod audit confessiones sine licencia abbatis. Et *Robertus Ciscetur* similiter et usualiter solet inepti. Et quod *Philippus Bristow* supprior non est ydoneus nec habilis pro officio predicto, quia debilis et pusillanimis est. Et quod dompnus Iohannes Codryngton prior⁵ remisse et negligenter officium suum exercet, impotenciam suam cepius frivole allegando, ac⁶ canes venaticos nutrit et foveat. Et quod monachi monasterii predicti utuntur camisiis lineis et ocriis fibulatis. Et quod in refectorio non debito modo commoden⁷ nec lectionem regularem ibidem habent. Et quod mulieres suspiciose intrant et recepte sunt in infirmeriam.

Deposicio dompni Iohannis Codryngton prioris ibidem.

Comparens idem dompnus Codryngton' prior examinatus et ex conscientia oneratus, deponit⁸ quod abbas⁹ usurpat bona defunctorum et non vult obligari ad soluciones debitorum. Item deponit de enormitatibus in vigilia sancti Martini ultimo preterita, ut abbas depositus. Item depositus¹⁰ capitulum tenetur in materna lingua et non in lingua Romana. Item depositus quod¹¹ inordinate pausant divina cantando et aliquando¹² in matutinis nimis abbreviatur, et pro defectu orlegii non observatur debita hora ad matutinas et alias horas canonicas. Item depositus quod *Ricardus Ashton'* est suspectus in¹³ vicio approprietatis,¹⁴ quia¹⁵ detinet bona

Ricardus Ashton
Walterus Bristow'.²

Thomas Purton'.²
Robertus Elmore'.²
Ricardus Glastonbury'.²
fo. 225.

Robertus Ciscetur'.²
Philippus Bristow'.²
Jo. Codryngton'.²

¹ sic.

² in left margin.

³ suspecta str.

⁴ sue str.

⁵ interlined.

⁶ alia str.

⁷ sic.

⁸ ad primum articulum str.

¹¹ nimis p. str.

⁹ iniuste str.

¹⁰ interl. over et quod str.

¹³ offici str.

¹² preser . . . str.

¹⁵ corr. from et.

¹⁴ approprietatis MS.

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London.*²

officio¹ elimosinarie invito domino abbate. Item deposituit quod cilencium, presertim in dormitorio et refectorio, nec alie regulares observancie in eisdem debite observantur, et quod *Johannes London* maliciose proiecit lapidem ad hostium³ celle prioris in dormitorio, priore ibidem existente. Item deposituit quod hospitalitas non observatur in loco debito, nec lectistramina sunt preparata pro extraniis, set iacent cum commonachis in dormitorio, et quod⁴ cubicula in dormitorio non regulariter⁵ ac debite observantur, set sunt clausa et inhonesta. Et quod elimosina defraudatur per officarios sacreste que debent erogari pauperibus.⁶ Et quod non est competens numerus in refectorio et quod lectio non observatur ibidem. Item presentat quod in predicto refectorio non sufficienter refecti sunt claustrales. Et ulterius deposituit quo ut ad apostasias⁷ et furt a rebelles.

fo. 225v. Deposicio dompni Iohannis Combe.

Ashton'
*London.*² Dompnus *Iohannes Combe* examinatus et ex conscientia sua oneratus deposituit quod iuniores sunt lascivi et negligentes in divinis officiis et non dant reverencias debitas et maxime senioribus. Et quod dompnus *Thomas Gloucetour* utitur pillio sub capicio suo in choro. Et quod cilencium non observatur in refectorio, nec numerus sufficiens¹ non est in refectione ibidem.⁸ Et quod *Ashton* et *London* incorrigibiles⁹ sunt et¹⁰ approprietarii et dant malum consilium fratribus suis et quod hospicium non observatur. Nec habent orilogium ut supra. Et quod non bene disponuntur infirmi in infirmeria. Et quod presbiteri non bene¹¹ provideantur pro ministrantibus in missis et aliis necessariis ad missas pertinentibus. Item deposituit quoad apostatas contumaces et rebelliones confirmat¹² cum contestibus predictis.

Deposicio dompni Thome Tewkysbury precentoris.

Dompnus *Thomas Tewkysbury* examinatus et ex conscientia sua oneratus deposituit de refectorio ac hospitalitate, orilegio et solucione debitorum monachorum, ut supra. Et quod infirmeria non honeste observatur, et quod denarii soluti infirmis non observantur, et quod detinet abbas unum ciphum argenteum ex dono doctoris Drayton et Thome Shewell'. Et de elimosina data pauperibus, que abtrax-

¹ sic.

² in left margin.

³ prioris in str.

⁴ cubila str.

⁵ reguliter MS.

⁶ sic.

⁷ corr. from -iam.

⁸ sic.

⁹ incorrigiles MS.

¹⁰ interlined over approprietarii str.

¹¹ ord . . . str.

¹² sic.

ita¹ est per ministros sacriste. Et quod dompnus abbas abstraxit dimidiā partem assise panis, et pro ministracione missarum, ut supra, et non bene ministrantur cibaria monachis, et iidem monachi minantur et aliter turbantur per dompnum abbatem. Et quod abbas est austerus et affabilis, et quod in correccionibus est aliquando² nimis crudelis,² et aliquando remissus, et quod monachi sunt letigiosi in capitulo et obstinaces, et quod dompnus abbas non bene tractat seniores. Et depositus de aliis enormitatibus³ circa inobedientes et male viventes, ut supra, et quod abbas non assistit gardianos ordinum. Et quod deficiunt⁴ candelis in misericordia. Et quod dompnus abbas favore ductus publice fratres suos solet scandalizare. Et quod dominus Iohannes Combe, Iohannes Calne coquinarius sunt discordie similatores inter conventum et abbatem.

Deposicio dompni Radulphi Sherewodde.

fo. 226.

Idem dompnus Radulphus Sherewodde examinatus et ex conscientia oneratus deponit quod de infirmaria, misericordia, hospitalitate ac elimosina pauperibus eroganda, et in defectu refectorii et dormitorii ac orilegii, ac de obstinacia et inobedientia iuniorum et ministracione missarum, necnon de austerritate et rigore abbatis, ut supra, ac confirmat de inobedientibus et malefactoribus.

Deposicio Philippi Bristow supprioris.

Idem dompnus Philippus Bristow examinatus et ex conscientia sua oneratus deponit quod de infirmaria, misericordia, hospitalitate, elemosina ac in defectu refectorii, dormitorii, orilegii, crudelitate abbatis, et de inobedientia iuniorum et ministracione missarum, ut supra. Et quod cera abstrahit per secristam, et de cipho legato conventui, et de scandalizacione fratrum, concordat cum predictis testibus sive commonachis, ac eciam de defectu assise panis, ac confirmat de duabus predictis publicum crimen, et de enormitatibus eorundem et aliorum expressorum et supranominatorum.

Deposicio dompni Roberti Ciscetour.

Idem dompnus Robertus Ciscetour examinatus et ex conscientia sua oneratus deponit quod abbas corrigit monachos crudiliter eosque scandalizando. Et de assisa panis, de preparacione ciborum confratrum, de hospitalitate et ceteris ut supra expressatis concordat cum prenominatis confratribus suis predictis. Et concordat cum

¹ sic.

² enormitabus MS.

²⁻² interl over accesur severus str.

⁴ luminaria str.

libro.¹ Et quod perturbat presbiteros missam audiendo. Et quod coquinarius non requiem capit in dormitorio,² et taurum pro conventu occidit, et confirmat de enormitatibus monachorum in vigilia sancti Martini ultimo preterita.

Deposicio Iohannis Gloucetour tertii prioris et sacriste.

Dompnus Gloucetour tercius prior et sacrista examinatus et ex conscientia sua oneratus deponit de inobedientia iuniorum et enormitatibus contumacium et rebellionum ut supra depositum est.

Deposicio Roberti Frampton senescalli, infirmarii et gardinarii.

Idem dompnus Robertus Frampton examinatus et ex conscientia sua oneratus deponit quod abbas, tam in verbis, quam in factis est austerus in correctionibus, tam senioribus, quam iunioribus. Et in ceteris premissis concordat cum predictis commonachis. Et quod Alicia Taylour manens in villa de Malmysbury est cedicia ac multas fabulas ociosas³ ostendit abbati in detrimentum confratrum dicti monasterii, et quod sacrista deberet solvere infirmario xx*t*l** lib. cere firmarario,⁴ quod non observat, et quod coquinarius non pernoctat in dormitorio

fo. 226v. Deposicio dompni Ricardi Pilton.

Dompnus Ricardus Pylton capellanus examinatus et ex conscientia sua oneratus deponit de obediencia non observata contra abbatem et seniores et aliter necessit⁵ deponere, quia nuper venit a cella.

Deposicio Anthonii Malmysbury subsecriste et subelemosinarii.

Dompnus Anthonius Malmysbury prenominatus examinatus et de conscientia sua oneratus deponit quod inobedientia⁶ est ibidem observata, partim remissione presidencium, et partim inobedientia subditorum, et quod calices non habent ad missas celebrandas, et quod defectus est in coquinario pro ferculis monachorum in refectorio. Et quod coccus principalis non est ydoneus nec profitabilis, et quod ciphos ydoneos⁷ et honestos non habent in misericordia. Et de Alicia Taylour deponit ut supra, et quod eadem Alicia est

¹ ut cum str.

² per nocturnum str.

³ intervl.

⁴ sic.

⁵ sic, for nescit?

⁶ apparently the in- has been struck through and the sense thus destroyed.

⁷ ydoneos MS.

sepius in coquina abbatis et padoxatorio. Concordat in omnibus premissis contra abbatem et de rebellionibus et contumaciis, et quod in festivis solemnibus non habent sufficientem serviciam¹ secundum antiquam consuetudinem.

Deposicio dompni Ricardi Glastonbury subcoquinarii.

Idem dompnus Ricardus Glastonbury examinatus et ex conscientia sua oneratus deponit quod eadem Alicia Taylour suprannominata seminat discordias inter abbatem et conventum. Et quod coquinarius non observat dormitorium ut supra, et de ceteris premissis, tam de enormitatibus, quam de defectibus predictis concordat cum precedentibus commonachis. Et quod Alicia Taylour habet iijor crateras et bona monachorum defunctorum. Et confirmat verba contra abbatem cum aliis. Et cissore et lotrice conquestus est, eo quod vestimenta sua non bene lota, nec sissor est circumpectus in officio suo.²

Deposicio dompni Iohannis Calne coquinarii.

fo. 227.

Dompnus Iohannes Calne coquinarius examinatus et ex conscientia sua exoneratus deponit de lite in capitulo, defectibus in misericordia, refectorio, dormitorio ac hospitalitate, orilegio, et de enormitatibus rebellionum, contumacium, et de ministrantibus circa missas, et de infirmeria, ac de negligencia iuniorum in choro ad divina celebrandum et dicendum et eorum inobedientia cum aliis ut supra.

Deposicio dompni Thome Gloucetour.

Dompnus Thomas Gloucetour examinatus ut supra deponit de austeritate abbatis, et quod est nimis crudelis in misericordia, ac confirmat articulos in libello contentos, et quod pugnat cum baculo suo fratribus suis verberando.

Deposicio dompni Iohannis Horsley.

Dompnus Iohannes Horsley examinatus et ex conscientia sua exoneratus deponit de Alicia Taylour, de orilegio, ministrantibus circa missas, ut supra, de hospitalitate, defectibus in infirmeria, retencione cipherum, inobedientia rebellionum et apostatarum confirmat cum aliis deponentibus et in hiis que continentur in libello, et quod iniuste incarceratus fuit per abbatem.

¹ for cerevisiam, not servicium.

² below this: Ex . . . str.

Deposicio dompni Thome Stanlegh subsacriste.

fo. 227v. Dompnus Thomas Stanlegh examinatus et oneratus ut supra deponit de remissione ac negligencia monachorum ad divina officia exercend', et preparacione ciborum, et quod cilencium in locis ordinariis non observatur. Et de misericordia et firmaria ac refectorio confirmat, ut supra, una cum enormitatibus rebellionum, et de crudelitate¹ Alicie Taylour moventis abbatem ad iram cum fratribus.

Deposicio dompni Thome Puryton.

Dompnus Thomas Puryton examinatus etc. ut supra deponit² de inordinacione in capitulo, eo quod non debite observatur, de defectibus in hospitalitate, infirmaria, refectorio, dormitorio, orilegio, misericordia, retencione ciphorum et dispositione Alicie Taylour, et³ de articulis contra abbatem in libello expressatis

Deposiciones Roberti⁴ Sodbury, Willielmi Wynchecomb, Willielmi Bristow, Willielmi Lee, Regeri⁵ Hertbury, Willielmi Bisley, Iohannis London, Thome Froctetur, Roberti Elmore.

Isti monachi deponunt de omnibus et singulis articulis in libello contentis, et eosdem ac eorum quemlibet confirmant. Ulterius deponunt quod non habent tutores pro vestimentis et aliis necessariis emendis pro eiisdem monachis.

fo. 228. In Dei nomine Amen. Nos Willielmus Dei gracia abbas monasterii sancti Petri Gloucesterie ordinis sancti Benedicti Wigorniensis diocesis, reverendi in Christo patris et dompni, dompni Iohannis permissione divina abbatis exempti monasterii sancti Petri Westmonasterii ad Romanam curiam nullo medio pertinentis, ordinis sancti Benedicti nigrorum monachorum in Anglia presidentis primi, ad visitandum monasterium exemptum beate Marie et sancti Aldelmi presulis de Malmysbury predicti ordinis sancti Benedicti Sarisberiensis diocesis, tam in capite, quam in membris, commissarius sufficienter et legitime deputatus, rite et legitime procedentes A B C D E et F monachos monasterii de Malmysbury predicti propter eorum contumacias manifestas, crimina, delicta, excessus et apostasias per eos et eorum quemlibet contra regulas ordinis eorundem perpetratas et commissas, prout luculenter invenimus

¹ abb . . . str.

² quod str.

³ contra str.

⁴ interl. over Willielmi str.

⁵ sic.

et nobis compertum est, pronunciamus contumaces, ac ipsos et eorum quemlibet in penam contumaciarum suarum huiusmodi excommunicamus in hiis scriptis.

[*fo. 228^v-229^v blank.*]

Iohannes Dei gracia abbas exempti monasterii sancti Petri *fo. 230.* Westmonasterii ad Romanam curiam nullo medio pertinentis ordinis sancti Benedicti nigrorum monachorum in Anglia presidens primus, dilecto nobis in Christo Willelmo abbati sancti Petri Gloucesterie Wigorniensis diocesis, salutem. Quia nos exemptum monasterium sancti Aldelmi de Malmesbury prefati ordinis sancti Benedicti Sarisburiensis diocesis, tam in capite, quam in membris ex certis veris et legitimis causis nos et animum nostrum moventibus, et presertim propter certas enormitates, rixas, iurgia, aliaque plurima ibidem que nuper ad aures nostras pervenerunt reformatio digna, (annente Deo) visitare proposuimus et intendebamus, prout (necessitate vigente ut informamur) ex debito pastoralis officii tenemur; verum quia sic prepediti sumus quominus visitacioni huiusmodi personaliter interesse valeamus, ad inter.....[*the rest is missing.*]

Iniunctiones abbati per presidentem visitacionis.

fo. 230^v.

Imprimis pro hospicio et hospitalitate, dompnus abbas promisit ordinare¹ hospicium cum lectisterniis et lectis et eidem officio necessariis cum officiario eiusdem secundum antiquam consuetudinem et citra festum purificacionem beate Marie virginis proximo futurum.

Item pro defectu in² infirmaria, dompnus abbas promisit quod domus pro infirmis honeste providetur³ cum lectis, lectisterniis et aliis eidem officio ab antiquo necessariis et consuetis et in hoc resistere priori.³

Item pro conduccione aque, promisit quod infra tres annos complete facere et cicius, si fieri potest.

Item pro orilegio, promisit habere orilegium citra festum pasche proximo futurum.

Item idem dompnus abbas promisit solvere fratribus suis panem in festis turibilibus⁴ secundum antiquam consuetudinem.

¹ dūm et . . . str.
³ sic.

² perhaps struck through.
⁴ sic: panem str.

Item pro libro recordacionum, promisit tradere si inveniri¹ potest, et quod iijor crateras habet in custodia sua, quas Alicia Taylour habuit.

Item pro cipho legato per doctorem Drayton, promisit post mortem suam deliberare, tamen vult habere pro tempore vite sue.

Item promisit pro hospicio et extraniis ad idem venientibus habere ij^{as}² vel quatuor panes et ij^{as} vel tres legenas servicie si necesse fuerit ex parte abbatis.

Item pro ministrantibus circa missas, promisit invenire duos pueros ad serviendum commonachis presbiteris et missas celebrantibus.

Item promisit³ passionem suam reformare sine austeritate et scandalizacione fratrum suorum.

Item promisit officia disponere et providere secundum antiquam consuetudinem.

Item promisit⁴ emendare defectum in candellis infra misericordiam.

Memorandum de refectorio⁵

fo. 231

[in another hand, on a parchment schedule:]

— Dompnus Ricardus abbas et elemosinarius.

— Dompnus Iohannes Codrington prior, pietanciarius et custos capelle beate Marie.

— Dompnus Iohannes Combe.

— Dompnus Thomas Tewkisbury precentor, subcamerarius et subcustos capelle beate Marie.

— Dompnus Radulphus Sherewood.

— Dompnus Philippus Brystow subprior.

— Dompnus Robertus Cissettur.

— Dompnus Iohannes Gloucettur tercius prior et sacrista.

— Dompnus Robertus Frampton senescallus et infirmarius et gardinarius.

— Dompnus Ricardus Pylton capellanus.

¹ ms. inveri.

⁴ quod str.

² sic.

⁵ in left margin.

³ se str.

— Dompnus Antonius Malmesbury subsacrista et subele-
mosinarius.
 — Dompnus Ricardus Glastonbury subcoquinarius.
 — Dompnus Iohannes Calne coquinarius.
 — Dompnus Thomas Gloucettur.
 — Dompnus Walterus Sutton scolaris.
 — Dompnus Iohannes Horseley.
 — Dompnus Thomas Stanley socius subsacriste.
 — Dompnus Thomas Pyrton.
 — Dompnus Willelmus Brystowe.
 Dompnus Robertus Sodbury.
 Dompnus Willelmus Lee.
 Dompnus Rogerus Hertbury.
 Dompnus Willelmus Wynchcombe.
 Dompnus Willelmus Bysley.
 Dompnus Iohannes London.
 Dompnus Thomas Froucettur.
 Dompnus Robertus Elmore.
 Dompnus Ricardus Assheton.
 Dompnus Walterus Brystow.
 Dompnus Iohannes Rosse prior de Pilton.
 Dompnus Willelmus Alderley } esser't' ¹ ad
 Dompnus Thomas Dursley } cellam ibidem.
 Dompnus Iohannes Garisdon' } novicii.
 Dompnus Willelmus Keynesham }

[reversed : written in another hand.]

fo. 231v.

Rebelles :

Thomas Gloucettur
 Iohannes ² London
 Thomas Pyrton
 Willelmus Brystow
 W. Bisley
 Robertus Sodbyry
 W. Wynchcombe
 Thomas Froucettur
 Robertus Ellmore
 cum auxiliō
 Roberti Cissetur
 et Iohannis[?] Glastonbyre

¹ sic.

² Elmore str.

[*fo. 232 blank; fo. 232^v endorsements*]:

(i) Visitacio abbatis¹ de Mamsbyre² et corruptio abbatis
et monachorum.²

[*lower down*]

(ii) visitacio ordinaria

¹ *interl.*

² *added in another hand.*

PART III
FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS, 1336-1540

[285. *The presidents commission the abbot of St. Mary's York to collect the contribution of $\frac{1}{2}d$ in the pound, in the province of York.* [1343.]

Cambridge Univ. Library MS. Ee, IV, 20, fo. 50 [Wyntershull, St. Albans].

Commissio presidencium provincialis capituli ad colligendum subsidium in eodem capitulo communiter concessum.

Monasteriorum sancti Albani¹ Lincolniensis² et sancte Werburge Cestrensis³ Coventrensis et Lichfeldensis diocesum ordinis sancti Benedicti permissione divina abbates, provinciali capitulo dicti ordinis⁴ presidentes, religioso viro domino Dei gracia abbati monasterii sancte Marie Eborac'⁵ eiusdem ordinis, salutem et sollicite exequi demandata. Cum nos in capitulo nostro provinciali quinto idus Septembris cum continuacione dierum sequentium anno Domini millesimo CCC^{mō} xlīii^o apud Northampton celebrato, ordinaverimus de communi consilio presencium in capitulo memorato, quod singuli abbates³ et priores nostri ordinis qui tenentur in dicto capitulo comparere, de singulis libris ad quas bona ipsorum spiritualia et temporalia sunt taxata, terminis ad hoc statutis obolum unum solvant pro negotiis nostri ordinis utiliter prosequendis; vobis committimus et mandamus in virtute obedientie firmiter iniungentes, quatenus dictam pecuniam in terminis in dicto capitulo assignatis, necnon et pecuniam que de collecta in proximo preterito capitulo imposita pro premissis superest exsolvenda, ab huiusmodi abbatibus et prioribus Eboracensis provincie exigi et levare per vos vel per alios faciat, ipsosque ad huiusmodiolucionem per censuras ecclesiasticas canonice compellatis. In cuius etc' Dat etc'

[286. *The abbot of St. Mary's York, collector, commissions a clerk to collect the contribution of the prior of Durham.* 16 Jan., 1344.]

[Original : parchment, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 in.; tongue for seal, and tie strip; seal, of brown wax, fragmentary, = Blair and Greenwell, *Durham Seals*, No. 3567;

¹ Michael de Mentmore, 1336-49.

² dioc' struck through.

⁴ presentes struck through.

³ interlined.

⁵ Tho. de Multon, 1331-59.

written on the seal-tongue, perhaps originally entirely covered by the seal,
above the seal: secundo; below: [secun]do; no endorsement.]

Durham Misc. Ch. 4447.

Thomas permissione divina . . abbas monasterii beate Marie Ebor', dilecto clero nostro magistro Iohanni de Threske,¹ salutem in Auctore salutis. Ad petendum et recipiendum a religioso viro . . domino priore Dunolm' secundum ordinacionem in secundo capitulo ordinis seu religionis nigrorum monachorum apud Northampton ordinatam,² videlicet obol. de libra omnium bonorum secundum taxacionem decime consuetam, vobis vices nostras committimus per presentes. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Datum apud Eboracum sexto decimo die mensis Ianuarii anno Domini millesimo CCC^{mo} quadragesimo tercio.

[287. *The abbot of Westminster, collector, by virtue of a commission from the presidents, demands contributions from the prelates of the province of Canterbury. [c. 1344-5.]*

Cambridge Univ. Library MS. Ee, IV, 20, fo. 50v.

Mandatum executor[um] commission[is] cuiusdam subsidii in capitulo provinciali communiter concessi.

Symon³ permissione divina abbas monasterii Westmon' iuxta London', ordinis nigrorum monachorum sancti Benedicti, venerabilibus in Christo patribus dominis abbatibus et prioribus ordinis predicti per Cantuariensem provinciam constitutis, salutem et mandatis nostris efficaciter obedire. Mandatum reverendorum patrum dominorum Dei gratia sancti Albani et sancte Wereburge Cestr' monasteriorum abbatum Lincolniensis et Coventrensis et Lichfeldensis diocesium, capituli⁴ provincialis ordinis nostri antedicti presidencium, nuper receperimus, tenorem continens subsequentem: Abbates mon' etc' recitando commissionem de verbo ad verbum. Huius igitur auctoritate mandati vos et vestrum quemlibet tenore presencium monemus, primo, secundo et tercio, vobisque ac vestrum cuilibet in virtute sancte obedientie et sub pena excommunicacionis maioris firmiter iniungendo mandamus, quatinus vos et vestrum quilibet huiusmodi pecuniam pro porcione ipsum et monasterium suum contingente, iuxta vim, formam et effectum mandati supradicti, infra quindecim dierum spaciun a tempore receptionis seu inspeccioonis presencium continue numerandum, quorum quinque pro primo, quinque pro secundo, et reliquos quinque

¹ See above, p. 17.

² The chapter of 1340, see vol II, p 14. Note that another chapter, 1343, had intervened between that and the date of this letter.

³ Symon de Birchester, abbot of Westminster, Nov., 1344-9; cf. No. 288.

pro ultimo et peremptorio termino vobis et vestrum cuilibet assignamus, nobis aut precentori nostri monasterii, quem ad id deputavimus, in dicto nostro monasterio prout convenit persolvatis; scituri quod elapsis predictis quindecim diebus, contra non solventes in quantum de iure poterimus, procedemus. Super presentacione vero huiusmodi literarum nostrarum vobis et cuilibet vestrum in eventum facienda, latori earumdem, nuncio nostro in hac parte iurato, dabimus plenam fidem. Cui eciam easdem literas illico retradi volumus et mandamus, vobisque earum copiam si eas habere volueritis, vestris tamen sumptibus liberari. Datum etc'.

[288. *Acquittance from the abbot of St. Albans, president, to the abbot of Westminster, collector, for 20 marks, for the inceptors at Oxford. 6 July, 1345.]*

[Original: parchment, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in wide \times 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; tongue for seal cut off; hole for filing in left corner; no endorsement.]

Westminster Abbey Mun. 29712.

Pateat universis per presentes quod nos Michael permissione divina abbas monasterii sancti Albani, compresidens provincialis capituli nigrorum monachorum, receperimus et habuimus de religioso viro domino . . abbate monasterii Westmon' collectore contribucionis per dictum capitulum pro negotiis dicti ordinis impositae ad opus inceptorum dicti ordinis in universitate Oxon' viginti marcas sterlingorum. De quibus quidem viginti marcis fatemur nobis esse plenarie satisfactum, et dictum dominum abbatem et successores suos inde fore quietos. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Datum apud sanctum Albanum die Mercurii proximo ante festum translacionis sancti Thome archiepiscopi anno Domini millesimo CCC^{mo} quadragesimo quinto.

[288A. *Note on the contributions of Durham, 1360.]*

Brit. Mus. Add. MS. 6162, fo. 35^v.

Memorandum quod prioratus Dunelm' taxatur in capitulo provinciali ad summam CCC^{xxv}. li, tam de temporalibus, quam de spiritualibus, secundum quam taxacionem solvit iuxta ordinacionem dicti capituli celebrati apud Northampton' anno Domini etc' CCC^{lx}^o de li. j.d., summa xxxvj.s. iiij.d. Premissa patent per acquietanciam domini abbatis de Abyndon', qui per capitulum predictum fuit collector-deputatus contribucionis predicte.

Taxa eiusdem prioratus in scaccario regis pro temporalibus et spiritualibus infra aquas Dxxij.li. ix.s. viij.d. ob.

[289. *Acquittance by the abbot of Abingdon, collector, for first year's contribution from the abbot Westminster 25 March 1361.*]

[Original: parchment, $9\frac{1}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ in.; stained and decayed; seal, small, of green wax, with arms of Abingdon Abbey; hole in left side of parchment, for filing.]

Westminster Abbey Mun. 29967.

[Pateat?] universis per presentes quod [nos] abbas monasterii Abyndon¹ collector taxe[.] temporalibus et spiritualibus nigrorum monachorum [. . .] generali capitulo apud Norham[.]. deputatus, recepimus [. . .] abbate [We]stmon² [.] cxj.s. j.d.³ pro primo anno. In [cuius rei testimonium] s[igillum] nostrum pres[entibus ap]posui[mus. Datum] Abyndon¹ viij^o kal. Aprilis anno Domini [millesimo CCC^{mō}?] sexagesimo primo.

[290. *Acquittance by the abbot of Abingdon, collector, for contributions (for one year) from Durham. 30 June, 1361.*]

[Original: parchment, 11×2 in.; seal on tongue $\frac{1}{10}$ in. wide; seal = Blair and Greenwell, *Durham Seals*, No. 3398.]

Durham Misc. Ch. 4860.

Pateat universis per presentes quod nos abbas de Abyndon¹ de bonis temporalibus et spiritualibus singulorum monasteriorum nigrorum monachorum in provincia Anglicana per presidentes in capitulo generali apud Norhampton¹ ultimo celebrato pro certis negotiis dictum ordinem concernentibus collector denariorum de libra deputatus, recepimus de priore Dunelm¹ triginta sex solidos et tres denarios pro quota supradicta. Datum apud Abyndon¹ pridie kalend¹ Iuli anno Domini millesimo CCC^{mō} sexagesimo primo. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum quo utimur pro aquietaci faciendis presentibus est appensum.
[endorsed:] Acquietacio de contribucione concessa abbati de Abyndon anno lxj.

[291. *The prior of students at Oxford to the prior of Worcester, enclosing a demand from the abbot of Malmesbury, president, for contributions. [After 12 May, 1381.]*]

Worcester, Liber Albus, fo. ccxxvi.

Litera prioris studencium Oxon¹ pro contribucione ordinis persolvend¹.

Venerabili in Christo patri ac domino, domino . . priori Wygorn⁵, frater Iohannes Welles, prior nigrorum monachorum studencium

¹ Roger de Thame, 1335-61.

² Simon Langham, 1349-62.

⁴ John Fossor, 1343-74.

³ = id. in f., cf. p. 157.

⁵ Walter de Leigh, 1370-88.

Oxonie, seipsum cum omni reverencia et honore debitiss tanto patri. Reverende pater; nuper recepi quoddam mandatum a reverendo in Christo patre ac domino, domino abate Malmesbury presidente¹ provincialis capituli intimandum singulis prelatis nostri ordinis, cuius tenor sequitur in hiis verbis;

Walterus permissione divina abbas monasterii Malmesbur'² sed apostolice immediate subiecti, presidens provincialis capituli ordinis nigrorum monachorum in Cantuariensi et Eboracensi provinciis, omnibus et singulis abbatibus et prioribus predicto subiectis capitulo, salutem et mandatis nostris, ymmo verius apostolicis firmiter obediens. Quia in ultimo nostro capitulo provinciali pro utilitatibus, necessitatibus, expensis communibus seu oneribus eidem ordini incumbentibus ordinatum fuerat et statutum, quod | de singulis monasteriis per triennium *fo. cccxvi^v.* immediate secuturum capitulum antedictum obolus de libra levaretur, venerabili in Christo domino abbati Abendon'³ annis singulis persolvendus; quidam tamen ut inteleخimus summam predictam seu collectam solvere pretendunt⁴ in magnum dicti ordinis preiudicium et gravamen; ac prout in Benedictinis constitucionibus edictis in hac parte plenius est expressum, quod presidentes et eorum quilibet predictam summam seu collectam exigendi, colligendi et levandi auctoritate apostolica habeant potestatem, vobis et cuilibet vestrum auctoritate qua fungimur in hac parte, sub pena excommunicacionis maioris, quam in omnes illos et singulos, qui in hac parte mandatis nostris ymmo verius apostolicis non paruerint, intendimus fulminare, firmiter iniungendo mandamus, quatinus de predicta contribucione⁵ seu collecta infra unius quindene spacium a tempore notificacionis presentis nostri mandati per priorem studencium Oxon' faciende et publicande, dicto domino abbati satisfaciant indilate; et vobis priori studencium auctoritate qua supra iniungimus et mandamus, quatinus convocatis omnibus et singulis monachis dicte universitatis studentibus, ipsis et eorum cuilibet per obedienciam iniungatis, quod quamcicius poterunt presens nostrum mandatum prelatis eorumdem literis vestris vestro si oporteat sigillo notificant seu revelent. Et quid in premissis duxeritis faciendum, nos per literas vestras patentes hunc tenorem continentis certificetis. Datum apud Malmesbur' sub sigillo nostro duodecimo die mensis Maii anno Domini millesimo CCC^m octogesimo primo.

Volens igitur predicto mandato domini presidentis sicud teneat obedere, eiusdem tenorem convocatis omnibus et singulis monachis dicte universitatis studentibus intimavi ac eciam eiusdem mandati tenorem iuxta preceptum domini presidentis vestre reverencie per presencium baulum intimare decrevi, vestre paternitati supplicants humiliter et devote, quatinus infra tempus superius limitatum digne-

[12 May,
1381.]

¹ presidentes MS.

² Walter Camme, 1360-96?

⁴ *sic, perhaps for* pretermittunt.

³ Peter de Hanney, 1361-1401.

⁵ *interlined.*

mini prefatam contribucionem persolvere et dictum mandatum domini presidentis ymmo verius apostolicum¹ effectualiter adimplere. Venerablem statum vestrum conservet diu in prosperis ineffabilis bonitas Salvatoris.

[292. *Acquittance from the abbot of Abingdon, collector, for (? three years') contributions from Rochester. 11 June, 1381.*]

MS. Cotton. Faustina C, V, fo. 12 [Rochester].
Acquietancia contribucionis nigrorum monachorum.

Noverint universi quod nos Petrus permissione divina abbas monasterii Abendon',² per presidentes nigrorum monachorum provincie Anglicane in generali capitulo apud Northampton ultimo celebrato collecte³ tricennalis dicto⁴ ordini ibidem impositae, videlicet ob. de libra, collector legittime deputatus, receperimus de priore Roffensi⁵ triginta septem solidos pro solucione annorum contribucionis⁶ antedictae. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum collectorum est appensum. Datum apud Abendon' in festo sancti Barnabe apostoli anno Domini CCC^{mo} octogesimo primo.

[293. *Acquittance by the abbot of Abingdon, collector, for three years' contributions from Durham. 23 April, 1384.*]

[Original: parchment, 11¹⁰ × 1¹⁰ in; seal on tongue 1⁵ in wide; seal, now detached, of red wax, oval, 1⁵ × 1¹⁰ in., with arms of Abingdon Abbey, and inscription illegible, cf. Blair and Greenwell, *Durham Seals*, 3399; two holes pierced on right side of parchment.]

Durham Misc. Ch. 49.

Noverint universi per presentes quod nos Petrus permissione divina abbas monasterii Abendon', per presidentes ordinis nigrorum monachorum provincie Anglicane in generali capitulo apud Northampton ultimo celebrato collecte triennalis dicto ordini ibidem impositae, videlicet quadrantis de marca collector legitime deputatus, receperimus de priore Dunolmie⁷ quadraginta solidos novem denarios et ob., pro solucione trium annorum contribucionis antedictae. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum quo ad hoc utimur presentibus est appensum. Datum apud Abendon' in festo sancti Georgii martiris anno Domini millesimo CCC^{mo} octogesimo quarto.

[*Later endorsement:*] [39 struck through] Acquietancia pro priore Dunolmie de contribucione soluta. 1^a 2^e Ciste.

¹ MS. apostolicis.

³ collector MS.

⁶ sic, probably trium should be supplied.

² Peter de Hanney, 1361-1401.

⁴ dicti MS.

⁵ John de Sheppey, 1380-1419.

⁷ Rob Walworth, 1374-91.

[294. *The abbot of York, president, is asked by the abbots of Glastonbury and Westminster, co-presidents, to levy the contributions in the Northern dioceses, according to his promise. 9 April, 1396.*]

[Original: parchment, 11½ in wide × 10 in.; two tongues for seals, each about 1 in. wide, the lower unused, the upper has a large seal of red wax, oval, 2¾ × 1½ in., with the B V. M between angels, under tabernacles, with the effigy of an abbot below; fragment of inscription: [. .] a abbatis g[. . .]. apparently the seal of the abbot of Glastonbury. It would seem probable that this letter was sent by Glastonbury to Westminster, who, instead of adding his date and seal, for some reason laid it aside.]

Westminster Abbey Mun. 12388.

Monasteriorum Glaston¹ et Westmon², Bathon³ et Wellen⁴ et London⁵ diocesum, [ordinis sancti Benedicti]⁶ permissione divina . . abbates et presidentes capituli generalis, venerabili ac religioso patri domino Dei gracia . . abbatii monasterii Ebor⁷ eiusdem ordinis copresidenti, salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Cum ex eo quod nuper in nostro ultimo capitulo generali mense Iulii sub anno Domini millesimo CCC^{mo} nonagesimo tercio Northampton⁸ celebrato, de communi consilio et assensu prelatorum in prefato capitulo tunc presencium et eciam procuratorum prelatorum tunc absencium ordinatum fuerat concorditer et statutum, quod singuli abbates et priores ordinis memorati, qui in prefato capitulo comparere tenentur aut subiciuntur eidem, de singulis marcis ad quas bona suorum monasteriorum et prioratuum spiritualia et temporalia ad decimam sunt taxata, in festo ascensionis Domini vel ante, singulis annis trium annorum huiusmodi capitulo inmediate sequencium, quadrantem de marca pro negociis dicti ordinis utiliter prosequendis, sub pena dupli, quolibet termino memorato, quam non solventes debent incurrere ipso facto, solvere teneantur; atque ad levandum seu levari faciendum memoriam pecuniam in Eboracensi, Lychfeldensi et Coventrensi ac Dunelmensi diocesibus vos reverende pater, domine abbas predicte, in adiutorium seu relevamen collectoris communis, in prefato generali capitulo, in vos spontanee suscepistis, reddituri ut dixistis collectori communi plenam de recepta pecunia rationem; vos rogavimus et requisivimus, quatinus dictarum pecuniarum summulas, necnon penam dupli si commissa fuerit in aliquo premissorum de abbatibus et prioribus nostri ordinis diocesum predictarum, quatinus eos particulariter concernit, exigi et levare per vos seu alios faceretis, ipsoque abbates et priores ad solutionem pecunie memorate prout decuit faciendam, per quascumque censuras ecclesiasticas canonice compelleretis, ipsique collectori communi satisfaceretis, de pecunia per vos in hac parte

¹ John Chinnock, 1375-1420.

² Will. Colchester, 1386-1420.

³ More or less obliterated by stains, and so below.

⁴ Thomas Stayngreve, 1389-98.

recepta, atque de summis per vos in hac parte receptis, ac de nominibus non soluencium, si qui fuerint, et de omni eo quod feceritis in premissis, certificaretis eos qui capitulo proximo generali pro tempore presiderent. Verum quia non ab re est sep[ius] verbo repetere, quod necesse est animo retinere, ac ea que notabiliter sunt, nisi specialiter notentur, videntur quasi neglegta, et quod ab inicio nude [vo]luntatis et beneficii fuerat, post susceptum negotium reddat suscipientem necessario obligatum, adeo quod obligacioni huiusmodi voluntarie semel nexus, ab hac nisi consente altera parte minime possit discedere, cum non decipi beneficio nos oporteat set iuvare; vos ut prius rogamus et requirimus, quatinus dictarum pecuniarum summas ab abbatibus et prioribus levetis seu [per] alias faciat levare, ipsosque prelatos ad solutionem huiusmodi per quas[cum]que censuras ecclesiasticas auctoritate vestra et nostra canonice compellatis, atque de [pec]unia per vos in hac parte recepta prefato collectori communi reddatis in capitulo proximo ra[cione]m. De die vero receptionis presencium, neconon de summis p[ecunie] in hac parte collectis, et de nominibus non solvencium si qui fuerint, ac processu [vestro toto] quem feceritis in premissis, certificetis eos qui capitulo ? preside]bunt, prout in generali capitulo proximo preterito fuerat ordinatum. D[atum in monasterio] nostro quo ad nos abbatem Glaston' sub sigillo nostro [ix^o die] mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo CCC^{mo} nonagesimo sexto.

President' generalis capituli

[295. One of the presidents orders the abbot of Westminster to pay certain sums granted by the chapter to the abbot of Colchester and Master John Dodele (Duddeley). c. July, 1399.]

[Original: parchment, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ wide x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in; tongue, but seal missing; no endorsement. This and Nos. 298 and 301 were formerly sewn together.]

Willelmus permissione divina abbas sancti Augustini Cantuar',¹ presidens capituli generalis nigrorum monachorum in Anglia, venerabili in Christo patri domino, domino abbati de Westmonasterio eadem permissione, salutem. Quia in ultimo nostro generali capitulo Northampton' celebrato, de concilio et assensu reverendi in Christo patris ac domini, domini Thome Dei gratia prioris ecclesie cathedralis sancti Swithuni Wynton',² nostri in hac parte college, concessimus domino abbati de Colchestr'³ de gratia speciali centum solidos, et magistro Iohanni Dodele sacre pagine [professori ?] solidos in subsidium [. . . .] incepionis et viginti solidos pro officio diffinitoris, vos attencius in Domino [.] commode

¹ Will. Welde, 1387-1405.

² Thomas Nevil, 1395-1413.

³ Geoffrey Story, 1380-1405?

poteritis [.]] summam prefatis abbati et magistro dignemini deliberare, has nostras literas habentes sufficient[i? pro] waranto. Datum sub sigillo nostro Northampton' in capitulo nostro generali anno Domini millesimo CCC^{mo} nonagesimo nono.

[296. *Acquittance by the abbot of Eynsham, collector, for arrears of contributions from Durham. 3 July, 1399.*]

[Original: parchment, 8^{7/16} x 1^{8/16} in.; seal lost; fragment of tongue $\frac{1}{2}$ in. wide, hole left lower corner, for filing.]

Durham Misc. Ch. 5228a.

Pateat universis quod nos Thomas permissione divina abbas monasterii de Eynesham,¹ in ultimo capitulo generali ordinis nigrorum monachorum Northampton' celebrato communis contribucionis collector unicus deputatus, recepimus de priore² ecclesie cathedralis Dunelm' xl s. ix d. et tres partes quadrantis³ pendentes in nominibus non solvencium super ultimum compotum venerabilis patris domini abbatis monasterii beate Marie Ebor'⁴ in dicto capitulo exhibitum. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum, quo utimur in dicto collectoris officio, fecimus hiis apponi. Datum Northampton' tercio die mensis Iulii anno Domini millesimo CCC^{mo} nonagesimo nono.

[later endorsement:] 39. Acquietancia collectoris contribucionum pro priore D.

[296A. *Note on the contributions of Hyde Abbey. c. 1400.*]

Harleian MS. 1761, fo. 183.

De contribucione concessa in capitulo nostro generali.

Contribucio denarii de libra se extendit per j annum secundum taxacionem libri collectorum ibidem quo ad monasterium de Hyda ad xlviij s. x.d. Et sic per iijs^{es} annos ad viij.l. vj.s. vj.d. Et hec contribucio correspondet ad taxacionem D. iiiij^{xx} vij.li.

[Contributions for $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in £1, for 1 and 3 years, follow.]

Contribucio ob. de marcha per j annum xxxvj.s. vij.d. ob. Et per iijs^{es} annos Cix.s. ix.d. ob. Et correspondet ad taxacionem DCCC lxxix marc.

[Contributions for $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in mark for 1 and 3 years follow.]

Unde conventus pro porcione sua tam in temporalibus suis quam spiritualibus taxata ad CClx.j.li. iiiij.s. x.d. contribuere habet quando est contribucio denarii de libra xxj.s. ix.d. per annum⁵ abbas xxvij.s. i.d.⁵ [and so on, for the various other rates].

¹ Tho. Bradingstock, 1388-1413. ² John de Hemingbrough, 1391-1416.

³ This would be $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in mark for three years.

⁴ Thomas Pygot, 1398-1405. ⁵⁻⁵ interlin.

[297. *Acquittance by the abbot of Eynsham, collector, for three years' contributions from Durham. 31 July, 1402.*]

[Original : parchment, $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{2}$ in.; seal lost; fragment of tongue $\frac{1}{2}$ in. wide, and of tie-strip; hole in left lower corner, for filing.]

Durham Misc. Ch. 5228b.

Noverint universi quod nos Thomas permissione divina abbas de Eynesham, per presidentes ordinis nigrorum monachorum tocius provincie Anglicane in ultimo generali capitulo Norhampton celebrato diversarum multarum, contribucionum non solutarum ac etiam trienialis collecte, videlicet denarii de libra dicto ordini ibidem impositae generalis collector legitime deputatus, recepimus de priore Dunelm' xxvij.s. ij.d. q. pro solucione contribucionis quadrantis de libra trium annorum ultimo elapsorum. In curus rei testimonium sigillum, quo ad hoc utimur, presentibus est appensum. Datum ultimo die mensis Iulii anno Domini millesimo CCCC^m secundo.

[*later endorsement.*] [39 struck through] 8. Acquietancia pro priore D. de contribucione solvenda. 1^a 2^a Ciste.

[298. *A memorandum concerning the appointment and payment of representatives at the Court of Rome. 1403.*]

[Original : parchment, $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $5\frac{1}{2}$ in.; indented at the top.]

Westminster Abbey Mun. 12393.

Memorandum quod anno Domini millesimo CCCC^m tercio, prior Wyntorie pro tunc presidens, eo quod non constabat sibi de aliquo procuratore ordinis nostri in curia Romana, misit ad eandem curiam ad magistrum Iohannem Swayn et Henricum Clodrych, ut providerent valentes personas in curia supradicta ad standum si oporteret pro nostri ordinis defensione, proteccione, commodo [pariter et] honore, et specialiter pro diocesibus Sar', Hertford', Wygornensi, Coventrensi, Lychfeldensi, Exoniensi, Bathoniensi, Wellenci et Wyntonensi. Unde predicti magister Iohannes et Henricus procurarunt dominaciones et benevolencias domini cardinalis Neapletani, domini cardinalis Aquilegenc', et Iohannem de Bononia secretarii protunc domini pape, mittendo domino Neapolitanu exennia ad valorem decem marcarum, domino Aquilegenc' ad valorem centum solidorum, et tantum Iohanni de Bononia. Pro quibus predictus prior et presidens satisfecit, preter adhuc expensas nunciorum ad et in curia supradicta ac alias diversos custus hic in partibus factos circa conservacionem ordinis et religionis nostre tempore presidencie sue; qui quidem custus et expense se extendunt ad septem libras et octodecim solidos. De istis materiebus non erat plene intimatum ultimo capitulo generali, tum primo quia protunc nunci ad curiam missi nondum revererant, secundo quia procurator, qui missus fuerat tunc ex parte prioris Wynton' ad capi-

tulum, de istis plenarie non fuerat informatus, propter excessivas et plurimas occupaciones, quas prefatus prior et presidens tunc temporis habuit, Deo teste.

Summa xxiiij li. xj.s. iij.d.

[endorsed in a slightly different hand:]

Ultima contribucio q^a de marca.

Item petitur circa xj.li.

de antiqua . fiat compotus.

[299. Acquittance by Thomas abbot of Eynsham, collector of fines, arrears, and of $\frac{1}{4}$ d in mark imposed in last chapter, to prior of Durham, for £5. 8. 9.d. for 1d. in £1 for last 3 years. Form, as in No. 297. 27 Oct., 1405.]

[Original : parchment, $9\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{7}{10}$ in ; seal of red wax = Blair and Greenwell, *Durham Seals*, No. 3468, on tongue $\frac{3}{4}$ in. wide, and fragm. of tie-strip ; hole in left lower corner. Durham Misc. Ch. 5228 c.]

[300. Acquittance by Thomas abbot of Eynsham, collector of fines, arrears, and of $\frac{1}{4}$ d in mark imposed in last chapter, to prior of Durham, for £2. 0. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. for $\frac{1}{4}$ d in mark for 3 years following last chapter. Form as in No. 297. 30 June, 1408.]

[Original : parchment, $10\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ in. ; seal, as on preceding ; on tongue $\frac{1}{2}$ in. wide, and ? fragm. of tie-strip ; hole in left side for filing. Durham Misc. Ch. 5228d.]

[301. List of prelates fined in the provincial chapter of 1408.]

[Original : parchment $8\frac{1}{4}$ wide $\times 3\frac{3}{4}$ in. ; no endorsement.]

Westminster Abbey Mun. 12391.

Nomina prelatorum de multis eis impositis, quia se absentaverunt a capitulo generali anno Domini millesimo CCCC^m viij^o.

Abbas de Salopia c.s.

Prior de Houlond' xx.s.

Prior de Berkenhefd' xx.s.

Prior de Monkeberton' xx s.

Nomina prelatorum de multis eis impositis in eodem capitulo profectu scolar[ium..]

Abbas Cestrie vij.li. xij.s. iiiij.d.

Abbas Abyndon' c.s.

Abbas de Hyda l.s.

Abbas [.] xij.s. iiiij.d.

Abbas de Pershor' l.s.

Abbas de Feveresham c.s.

Prior Wynton' c.s.

Prior Doverie c.s.

[302. *Acquittance by the abbot of Westminster, collector, for contributions from Reading.* 16 Aug., 1418.]

Salisbury Diocesan Registry: Register of Reading Abbey, fo. 65v.

Noverint universi per presentes quod nos Willelmus permissione divina abbas Westmon', in ultimo provinciali capitulo ordinis nigrorum monachorum apud Northampton celebrato diversarum multarum, contribucionum non solutarum ac eciam trienalis collecte¹ ibidem jo. 66. impositae collector legittime deputatus, | receperimus de domino Thoma abbate de Reding² vij.li. xvij.s. vi.d. videlicet pro contribucione iij.d. de libra ordine³ nigrorum monachorum in capitulo generali ibidem celebrato imposta anno Domini millesimo xvij^o, solvend' ad festum pasche tunc proximo sequens. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum quo utimur presentibus est appensum. Datum apud manerium nostrum de Lalham xv die mensis Augusti anno Domini millesimo ccccxvij^m.

[303. *The abbot of Bury St. Edmunds presses the prior of Ely for payment of his contribution.* 19 Oct. [1423?].]

Ely, Reg. Walsingham, fo. 10, No. 28.

In Christo pater et domine reverende, post recommendacionem humilem et votivam, scire utique et audire de vestris statu et honore prospera et iocunda erit nobis complacencia singularis. Et quia, ut novit vestra paternitas reverenda, in ultimo capitulo generali nostri ordinis Northamton' celebrato certa contribucio fuit concessa,⁴ vide- licet denarius de marca pro supportacione onerum dicto ordini incumbencium, que quidem contribucio per prelatos dicti ordinis iuxta por- cionem quemlibet concernentem solvi debuissest in festo Michaelis iam transacto ex causis variis et necessariis et potissime ut venerabiles patres nostri stantes in consilio generali⁵ exinde possent melius et propensiis relevari, vestram idcirco paternitatem precamur attente, quatinus premissa considerantes summam de dicta contribucione vos contingentem ex causis pretactis nobis mittere dignemini per presen- cium portitorem, ne dicti patres nostri ultramarini nos de desidia arguere valeant, nec de prelatis nostri ordinis occasionem habeant conquerendi. In religionis fervore vestram devocationem adaugeat primevus ordinum Institutor. Scriptum in manerio nostro de Elmes- well' xix die Oct'.

Abbas de Bury priori Eliensi.

¹ corrected from collector.

² Tho. Erle, 1409-30.

³ ssc.

⁴ Cf. above, vol. II, p. 154.

⁵ The Council of Sienna; cf. above, No. 251, and vol. II, p. 153.

[303A. *The prior of Ely replies to No. 303. [c. Oct., 1423?] Ely, Reg. Walsingham, fo. 10, No. 29.*

Reverende in Christo pater et domine, humillima recommendacione premissa, vestre paternitatis reverencie innotescimus per presentes, quod literis vestris inspectis hanc vestram esse intellectimus voluntatem, ut pecuniam pro generali contribucione concessam iuxta portionem nos concernentem vobis per latorem presencium mitteremus, que ut dicitis ad festum sancti Michaelis ultimo elapsum persolvi debuisset, set quod ille terminus dictae solucionis fuerit assignatus minime recordamur; vestram igitur venerabilem paternitatem humiliiter exoramus, quatinus de dictis pecuniis vobis transmittendis ad presens nos habere dignemini excusatos; parati enim erimus de dicta contribucione que nos contingit more consueto solvere portionem. Vestrum statum et honorem conservet semper Altissimus prosperum et iocundum ad sacre religionis augmentum pariter et munimen. *Responsio prioris litere.*

[304. *Acquittance by the abbot of Westminster, collector, for contributions from Reading. 1 May, 1425.]*

Salisbury Diocesan Registry: Register of Reading Abbey, fo. 65^v.

Pateat universis per presentes quod nos Ricardus¹ permissione divina abbas monasterii beati Petri Westmon' iuxta London', ac eciam collector contribucionis triennalis unus denarii de marca per presidentes capituli provincialis nigrorum monachorum apud Northampton imposito anno Domini millesimo ccccxxij^o in diocese Sar' legittime deputatus, recepimus de domino abbate Rading' triginta septem solidos et novem denarios in plenamolucionem pro duobus annis proximis post dictum capitulum, dicto domino abbati² Rading' et monasterio suo contingent'. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Datum in monasterio nostro Westmon' primo die mensis Maii anno Domini millesimo ccccxxv^{to}.

[305. *Acquittance by the abbot of Westminster, collector, for contributions from Reading. 30 Sept., 1425.]*

Salisbury Diocesan Registry: Register of Reading Abbey, fo. 66.

Noverint universi per presentes quod nos Ricardus permissione divina abbas beati Petri Westmon' collector omnium arreragiorum, multarum³ et contribucionum trienialis denarii de marca imposit' per presidentes in capitulo provinciali nigrorum monachorum apud Northampton' tento anno Domini millesimo CCCC xxij legittime deputatus, recepimus de venerabili in Christo domino abbate Rading' cxvij s. x.d. ob. in plenamolucionem dicti triennial' contribucionum.⁴ In

¹ Rich. Harwdon, 1420-40.

³ multorum MS.

² abbatte, MS.

⁴ sic.

cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum ad huiusmodi¹ deputatum
hiis fecimus apponi. Datum ultimo die mensis Septembris anno Domini
millesimo cccccxxv^{mo}.

[306. *The abbot of Bury St. Edmunds obtains a reduction in his contributions.* [July] 1429.]

Brit. Mus., Add. MS. 14848, fo. 73.

*Defalcacio contribucionis triennalis concernentis monasterium de Bury
facta per presidentes et diffinidores ordinis ut patet infra.*

Memorandum quod in capitulo generali nigrorum monachorum apud Northampton celebrato anno Domini millesimo CCCC^{mo} vicesimo nono, W. Curteys abbas monasterii de Bury ibidem cum aliis prelatis eiusdem ordinis personaliter presens, perpendens inter cetera quod monasterium suum ad solucionem contribucionis triennalis nimis excessive et ultra opulencius monasterium regni Anglie taxatum fuerat ab antiquo, penes dominos presidentes et diffinidores eiusdem capituli instancia pervigili et sollicitis instetit excubiis, ut considerata gravium onerum sibi et monasterio suo indies incumbencum sarcina, dignarentur dictam contribucionem taliter moderare, quod de cetero onus equale cum monasterio Glaston', ceteris regni monasteriis solempliori, et ad maiorem post dictum monasterium de Bury sumمام extento, in dicte contribucionis soluzione subirent. Quam quidem petitionem dicti presidentes cum consensu diffinitorum approbantes, prefato Willelmo abbati et successoribus suis concesserunt, ut onus consimile et equale et non ultra in solucione contribucionis triennalis huiusmodi cum abbatie Glaston' predicto et suis successoribus imperpetuum subire teneantur. Cuius quidem monasterii Glaston' contribucio triennalis videlicet j d de libra se extendit ad viij li. iiii s. j d. ob. Et sic ubi secundum veterem taxam idem abbas de Bury pro porcione sua ad contribucionem triennalem solvere consuevit videlicet j d. de libra ix li. xj s. viij d. ob. q. modo defalcantur iuxta taxam dicti monasterii Glaston' xlviij s. vij d. q.²

[Another, less explicit account of the same concession is given on fo. 43.]

[307. *Acquittance from the abbot of Chertsey, president, for part payment of contributions from Westminster.* 2 Oct., 1448.]

[Original: parchment, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 3 holes, for filing³; tongue and fragment of seal, no endorsement.]

Westminster Abbey Mun. 30392.

Noverint universi per presentes quod nos Iohannes abbas monasterii sancti Petri de Chertsey,³ unus presidencium nigrorum monachorum

¹ huius MS.

² These figures do not exactly tally with the *Registrum taxacionis*, below, p. 157.

³ John de Hermondesworth, 1419-58.

ordinis sancti Benedicti sufficienter et legitime ordinatus et constitutus, receperimus de venerabili patre et domino abbate Westmon¹, per manus fratris Iohannis Flete² commonachi eiusdem monasterii Westmon¹, octo libras, sex solidos, septem denarios et ob. in partem solucionis maioris summe de contribucionibus triennalibus, videlicet j.d. de marca, impositis per presidentes in dicto capitulo provinciali apud Northampton¹ celebrato anno Domini millesimo CCCC^mo xlviij^o. De qua quidem summa, ut predictetur, fatemur nos fore persolutum, dictumque dominum abbatem Westmon¹ inde esse quietum per presentes. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Datum secundo die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo CCCC^mo xlviij^o.

[308. Acquittance, in same form as the preceding, by John abbot of Chertsey, president, for £8. 6. 7½d., in part payment of contribution of id. in mark imposed in Chapter of 1447, received from abbot of Westminster by the hands of Tho. Cornewayle and John Flete, monks of Westminster. 8 Oct., 1448.]

[Original : parchment, 12½ × 3 in.; tongue with fragment of seal; no endorsement.]

Westminster Abbey Mun. 30393.

[309. *The prior of Durham tells the abbot of Abingdon (collector?), that he hopes to obtain a reduction in his contributions, at the next Chapter. [29 May, 1450.]*]

Durham, Registrum parvum III, fo. 38^v.

Litera abbati de Abendon' directa.

Sincere caritatis affluenciam cum felici incremento reverencie et honoris. Reverende domine et pater devotissime, quia discretus et honorandus doctor, vestre reverende paternitatis filius, magister Iohannes Vanne, vice vestra institutus diligenter pro levacione et soluione contribucionum nostri monasterii que de retro sunt, in qua re vestre paternitati innotescat, quod debentur adhuc michi et diversis confratrum meorum plures pecunie, prout confrater meus magister Iohannes Burnby in proximo capitulo generali apud Northampton celebrando vobis clarius informabit, in quo quidem capitulo, ut arbitror, per dominos presidentes et alios patres quamdiscretos spero contribucionem nostram, ut alii patres suis vicibus, urgentibus casibus eisdem vel similibus, in toto vel in magna parte remitti et perdonari; cum per guerre communis inter Anglos et Scotos afflictiones et discriminum perturbaciones plurimas in confinibus utriusque regni, ubi possessionum et reddituum nostrorum magna substancia surgere consuevit, ac eciam per frequentes accessus dominorum et magnatum

¹ Edm. Kirton, 1440-62.

² The author of the *History of Westminster Abbey*, edited by J. A. Robinson (Cambridge, 1909).

ambassiatorum regum Anglie et Scocie pro pacis tranquillitate tractancrum obtinenda bona nostri monasterii notabiliter minuuntur et expense excessive sepius effunduntur. Huius etenim propositi mei felicem exitum et eventum credo celeriorem per vestre honorande paternitatis supportacionem et impensum adiutorium gracius¹ provenire, quam prosperis conservet Altissimus per tempora feliciter longiora. Scriptum Dunelm' die quo supra.

[310. *Acquittance by the abbot of Tewkesbury, collector, for full payment of contributions from Westminster.* 4 May, 1456.]

[Original: 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 2 in.; tongue, but seal lost; no endorsement.]

Westminster Abbey Mun. 30395.

Noverint universi per presentes, quod nos Iohannes abbas monasterii beate Marie de Tewkesbury² ordinis sancti Benedicti Wigorn' diocesis, unicus ac generalis collector omnium arreragiorum, multarum et contribucionum triennalium, videlicet unius oboli de marca imposit' per presidentes in capitulo generali nigrorum monachorum dicti ordinis tento apud Northampton' anno Domini millesimo CCCC^{mo} Lij^{e10} sufficienter et legitime deputatus, recepimus de venerabili patre abbate Westmon' xij. li. ix.s. xj.d. q. in plenam solutionem contribucionum predictarum, de qua quidem summa fatemur nos fore solutum, dictumque venerabilem patrem abbatem Westmon' inde esse quietum, per presentes sigillo quo utimur in hoc officio signatas. Datum iiiij^{to} die mensis Maii anno Domini millesimo CCCC^{mo} Lv^{jto}, anno vero regni regis Henrici sexti post conquestum tricesimo quarto.

[311. *Acquittance by the abbot of Malmesbury, collector, for full payment of contributions from St. Augustine's Canterbury.* 4 July, 1471.]

[Original: parchment, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; on tongue, small red seal = Birch, Catalogue of Seals (British Museum), No. 3600]

British Museum Harl. Ch. 44, G. 2.

Pateat universis per presentes, quod nos abbas monasterii de Malmesbury,³ unicus ac generalis collector contribucionis triennalis, videlicet unius oboli de marca, imposite per presidentes in capitulo provinciali nigrorum monachorum ordinis sancti Benedicti apud Northampton celebrato anno Domini millesimo CCCC lxxv^{to} rite et legitime deputatus, recepimus de reverendo in Christo patre et domino, domino abbate sancti Augustini Cant'⁴ xj.li. xij.s. ob. q. in plenam solutionem contribucionis sue generalis supradicti⁵ De qua quidem summa fatemur nos fore solutum, dictumque abbatem inde fore quietum per presentes, sigillo nostro quo utimur de huiusmodi officio sigillatas. Datum quarto die mensis Iuli anno Domini millesimo CCCC lxxij^{mo}.

¹ sic.

³ John Aylee, c. 1462-79.

² John Galeys, c. 1453-68.

⁴ Will. Sellyng, 1464-82.

⁵ sic.

[312. *Acquittance by the abbot of Malmesbury, collector, for contributions from the prior of Dover. 16 Aug., 1474.*]

[Original: parchment, 14½ × 14½ in.; no seal or tongue remaining.]

British Museum Harl. Ch. 44, G. 4.

Noverint universi per presentes, quod nos Iohannes abbas de Malmesbury, unicus ac generalis collector omnium arreragiorum multarum et contribucionum triennalium per presidentes in capitulo provinciali nigrorum monachorum ordinis sancti Benedicti apud Northampton tento anno Domini millesimo CCCC^{mō} lxxij^{mō} legitime deputatus, receperimus de venerabili patre priore de Dovorr¹ quatuor libras decem et novem solidos bone et legalis monete cuiusdam contribucionis triennalis, videlicet unius denarii de marca debit' ibidem anno Domini millesimo CCCC^{mō} lxxiiij^{tō}. De qua quidem summa fatemur nos bene et fideliter fore solutum, dictumque priorem et successores suos inde esse quietos per presentes. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum ad huiusmodi deputatum presentibus est appensum. Datum sexto decimo die mensis Augusti anno Domini millesimo CCCC^{mō} lxxiiij^{tō}.

NOTE ON NO. 313.

In connexion with the "contributions" or income-tax levied by the provincial chapter on its members, there survive several MSS. of the official list or *Registrum taxacionis*, showing how much each house had to pay, at the rate of one penny in the pound, and one farthing in the mark. The actual yearly values upon which this was calculated are not given, but could of course be easily worked out. It appears that this assessment for the provincial chapter differed from the "Taxacio regia," that is, the taxation of Pope Nicholas IV, 1291.²

Three of the MSS. come from Westminster Abbey:

W = Westminster Abbey Mun. 12402: a parchment roll 10½ in. × 27½ in.: XV cent. It is on this MS. that we have based the printed text below; the heading is given there. In the MS. there are four columns, thus:

[col. 1.]
Abbes de Sancto Albano
[etc.]

[col. 2.]
j.d. de libra
{ lxxv.s. iij.d.
{ pro iiibus annis xj.li. vj.d.
[etc.]

[col. 3.]
ob. de libra
{ xxxvij.s. viij.d.
{ cxij.s. iij annis
[etc.]

[col. 4.]
q. de marca
{ xxvij.s. iij.d.
{ iiij.li. iiij.s. ix.d. iij. annis.
[etc.]

¹ Humphrey Tutbury, c. 1468.

² cf. above, vol. II, pp. 167-8.

Later on in the course of the list, the figures "for three years" are omitted. In printing, we have only given the *annual* figures, from the second and fourth column. The names of the abbots and priors in the first column, it will be seen, are preceded by a series of dots, crosses, and the sign p': it seems hopeless to speculate on their meaning, but they evidently show that this particular roll was put to some practical use.

W₂ = Westminster Abbey Mun. 12394: remains of a paper quire, 5 leaves out of 8, the page measuring 9 in. \times 12½ in.: XV cent. This was planned on an ambitious scale, with four columns of figures: i.d. de libra | ob. de libra | ob. de marca | q. de marca | and under each, the figures for one year and for three years: but it is incomplete, most of the sums being left blank. The abbots are given in the following strange order (the figures refer to the printed list) 1-6, 40, 7-9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28: the rest of the abbots, and all the priors, are omitted. Altogether, this MS. is not of much use.

L = Westminster Abbey Mun., *Liber Niger Quaternus*, fo. iiiijxxxj: late XV cent. This list only gives *Taxacio ob. de libra*, and is written continuously, not in columns. At the end is: Summa lxx. li.xv.s. viij.d. Of the abbots, Chester, Evesham and Malmesbury, and of the priors, Dover, are omitted. Where this list shows a variant from W, we have doubled the sum, so as to bring it into terms of i.d. in the pound, and put it in modern figures in the footnotes to the printed text.

H = Brit. Mus. Harleian MS. 602, fo. 74: A memorandum book from St. Albans, of various dates, Ed. III-Ed. IV: this part of the book is mid. XV cent., apparently. The note added to no. 40, Alcester, is interesting: "in manu abbatis de Eynesham": actually, Alcester was united to Evesham, in 1466 (*Monasticon*, IV, 173). The heading is as follows: *Registrum annuum taxac' denar' de libra et quadr' de marca de abbatibus et prioribus infrascriptis*. Then column 1: De abbate de sancto Albano [etc.] | column 2: Denar' de libra. | column 3: Quadr' de marca. The list ends, at the foot of fo. 74, with no. 45, Worcester: the rest are missing.

There are three surviving Durham MSS.:

Da = Durham MS. B, IV, 26, fo. 24^rv. XV cent. The heading: *Registrum taxacionis denarii de libra et quadrantis de marca de abbatibus et prioribus infrascriptis. etc'*. Then, arrangement: column 1: De abbate de sancto Albano [etc.] | column 2: Denar' de libra. | column 3: Quadrans de marca. At the end of the list is added: *Summa taxe prioris Dunelm' ad provinciale capitulum CCCC xiiij li. xiiij.s. iiiij.d.*

Dd = Durham MS. B, III, 30, fo. 45. XV cent. The heading : Nomina et taxe abbaciarum nigrorum monachorum in regno Anglie in impositione contribucionum capituli generalis. Arrangement, as in Da, but first column, De sancto Albano [etc.].

A = Brit. Mus. Additional MS. 6162, fo. 34^v-35^v. The headings : Registrum taxacionis abbatum et priorum per regnum Angle. and below : Registrum taxacionis denarii [as in Da] — infrascriptis + per abbatem de Selby. Arrangement as in Da.

Reyner, App. III, pp. 110-11, prints a list, with heading and arrangement as in A ; this is taken from a part of MS. Vitellius, E, XII now destroyed.

[313. *List of payments due for contributions.*]

Registrum annum taxacionis j d de libra, ob. de libra et q. de marca de abbatibus et prioribus subsequentibus :

		<i>Abbates de</i>	<i>j.d. de libra.</i>	<i>q. de marca.</i>
[1]	..	Sancto Albano	Ixxv.s. iij d.	xxxvij.s iij.d.
[2]	..	Sancto Augustino	cij.s. viij.d.	xxxvij.s. x d. di. q.
[3]	+ p'	Sancti Edmundi	vij.li. xij.s. ij d ob.	lxvij.s. xij.d. ob.
[4]	p'	Westmon'.	cxj.s. j.d.	xlj.s. viij.d ob. q. di. q.
[5]	p'	Cestrie	xl.s.	xv s.
[6]	..	Evesham	xxv s j.d.	ix s iij.d ob. q. di. q.
[7]	p'	Malmesbury	xxx.s	xj.s. iiij.d.
[8]	..	Glastonie	vj li. xj s. viij d.	xlix.s. iij d ob.
[9]	p'	Ramsey	cx s. iiiij.d.	xlj s. iiiij.d. ob.
[10]	..	Burgo sancti Petri	iij li	xxx.s
[11]	..	Beate Marie Ebor'	iij li. xiij.s. j.d. ob.	xxxxiiij.s vj d. ob. di. q.
[12]	p'	Abyndon'	lxxvj s. xj d.	xxvij.s. x d. di. q.
[13]	+ p'	Gloucestr'	xlij s. ix.d.	xvi.s q di. q.
[14]	.	Redynge	lxxix s iij.d.	xxix s viij.d. ob di. q.
[15]	p'	Hyda Wynton'	xlviij s x d.	xvij s. iij.d. ob. q.
[16]	.	Bello	lxvj.s. viij.d.	xxv.s.
[17]	.	Sancti Benedicti de Hulmo	xxxvij.s.	xiij.s. x d. ob.
[18]	.	Tewkesbury	xl s. vij.d.	xv s. iij.d. q.
[19]	.	Selbye	xlj.s. iij.d.	xv s. v d. q.
[20]	.	Whitbye	xij.s iij d.	iij s. viij.d. ob.

6] col. 2. x.s. etc. Da.

11] col. 1. [£3 17.5. L.]

20] col. 1. xijs.ij.d. H.

	<i>Abbes de</i>	<i>j.d. de libra.</i>	<i>q. de marca.</i>
[21]	Salopia	xx.s. v.d.	vij.s. vij.d. ob. q. di. q.
[22] p'	Colcestrie	xxiij.s. iij.d.	vij.s. ix.d.
[23] p'	Walden	xxxv.j.s. viij.d.	x.s.
[24] p'	Bardeney	xxxvij.s.	xij.s. iiij.d. ob.
[25] p'	Crowelond	l.s. iij.d.	xvij.s. x.d. ob.
[26]	Thorne	xxxvij.s. vij.d.	xijj.s. j.d. di. q.
[27] p'	Chertessey	xvij.s. ob.	vj.s. ix.d. q.
[28]	Wynchecombe	xvij.s. viij.d.	v.s. v.d. ob. di. q.
[29]	Thaverestoke	xvij.s. iiij.d.	vj.s. vj.d.
[30]	Burton	xij.s. x.d.	iiijs. ix.d. ob. q.
[31] p'	Eynysham	xl.s.	xv.s.
[32] p'	Feversham	xxv.s.	ix s. iiij.d. ob.
[33]	Abbottesbury	xj.s. iij.d.	iiij.s. iiij.d.
[34]	Cerne	xvj.s. viij.d.	vj.s. iiij.d.
[35]	Pershore	xv s. j.d.	v s. vij d. ob. q. di. q.
[36]	Shirebourne	xvij.s. ob.	vj.s. iiij.d. ob. q.
[37]	Michelney	vij.s. iiij.d. ob.	ijj.s. j.d. ob. q.
[38] —	Myddelton'	xvij.s. x.d.	v.s. vj.d. ob. q.
[39]	Athelyngneye	xvij.s. iiij.d.	v.s.
[40]	Alcestre	xlvj.s. j.d.	xvij.s. iij.d. q. di. q.

Priores

[41]	Christi Cantuar'	nil	nil
[42]	Dunolmie	xxxvij.s. iij.d.	xijj.s. vij.d. di. q.
[43] p'	Sancti Swithuni Wynto'	iij.li ij.s. vij.d.	xxx.s. xj.d. ob. di. q.
[44]	Norwyc'	lxxvij.s. vij.d.	xxix.s. v.d. ob. di. q.
[45]	Wygorn'	xxxij.s.	xij.s
[46]	Elyensis	cvi.j.s. vj.d	xl.s. iij.d. ob. q.
[47] p'	Coventr'	xxvij.s. vj.d.	x.s. iiij.d. ob. q.
[48] p'	Bathon'	xij.s.	iiij.s. vj.d.
[49]	Roffensis	xxvij.s. vij.d.	ix.s. iij.d.
[50]	Spaldyng	xl.s	xv.s.
[51] p'	Daventr'	vij.s.	ijj.s.
[52] p'	Dover	xxij.s.	vij.s. iiij.d.
[53] +	Colne	xj.s. iij.d.	iiij.s. iij.d.

[32] col. 2. add contradicit quia dicit quod secundum extent' regis non solvet nisi vij.s. vj.d. H.

[39] so W H; vij.s. xj.d. v.s. quia ita compertum est in scaccario regis A Da Dd *Reynner*; but Dd omits quia—regis.

[40] interlin. above Alcestre in another hand <in manu abbatis de Eynesham>[sic] H.

[40] col. 1. so W H; [f2.8 1. L]; iiij.s. x.d. quia ut supra A; iij.s. x.d. q. Da Dd; o.3 ro. quaeritur ut supra *Reynner*. col. 2. so W A Dd *Reynner*; xvij.s. etc. H; xvij. s. om Da.

[51] supprimitur added in margin Da.

		<i>Abbates de</i>	<i>i.d. de libra.</i>	<i>q. de marca.</i>
[54]	p' .	Bradewelle	xxxiiij.s. j.d.	xiij.s. ix.d.
[55]	..	Luffelde	ij.s. iiij.d.	xv.d.
[56]	..	Houlond	vj.s. viij.d.	ij.s. vj.d.
[57]	..	Hatfeldebrodeoke	x.s.	ij.s. ix.d.
[58]	+	Byrkynhefd	xxxvij.s. j.d. ob.	xiij.s. vj.d. ob. di. q.
[59]	..	Minoris Malvernie	iiij.s. j.d. ob.	xvij.d. ob. di. q.
[60]	..	Monkeberton'	iiij.s.	xvij.d.
[61]	..	Snelleshale	ix.d.	ij.d. q. di. q.
[62]	..	Canewelle	xx.d.	vij.d. ob.
[63]	..	Sandwelle	ij.s. inj.d.	vij.d.
[64]	..	Pulla in Wallia	nil	nil
[65]	+	Maioris Malvernie	xi.j.s. iiij.d.	iii.j.s. j.d. ob.

54] A thus :

Bradwell xiij.s. ij.d. quia ita compertum est in scaccario regis
ij.s. x d. ob. q. de tax' xxxiiij li. xiij.s. ix d.

perhaps this should read :

ij.s. x d. q. de tax' xxxiiij.li. xiij.s. ii.d. quia ita compertum est
in scaccario regis, | xiij.s ix.d.; (i.e. £o.2.10*¶* is 1d. in £1, on
£34.13.2.)

Reyner thus :

Bradevelle o 2 10. ob.q. 34 2 9

13.2. quod ita compertum est in
scaccario d. Regis.

[£1.14 0 L]; ij.s x.d. ob.q., col. 2 blank, Da, Dd.

55] Luffeld de novo taxat' A Reyner; supprimitur added in margin Da.

62-4] both columns blank in L.

62] Canewell + de novo taxat' A Reyner.

63] in both columns, sums over erasures W; blank A Da Dd.

64] both columns blank A Da Dd.

65] col. 1. = inj.s. j.d. ob., col. 2. blank A Da Dd.

in left margin < non cont[inetur] in registro > added in W.

col. 1. = o.4.i. ob, col. 2. = 27.19.5. ob. q. Reyner.

ACCOUNTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS, Nos. 314-20.

Of the following accounts, two specimens (Nos. 315 and 320), are printed *in extenso*; in the others, certain entries, which involve a good deal of repetition of common form, have been tabulated, but no figures or particulars have been omitted. To represent the rather frequent alterations in these accounts, the following conventions are used: passages struck through or cancelled are printed between brackets thus: *[. . . .]*; passages added, between brackets thus: < >.

[314. *Account of the collector of contributions in the Southern dioceses.*
 [1411-14?]]

Westminster Abbey Mun., 12400.

- 1 [.] super diversis < de > arreveragis contribucionum annorum precedentium, ut patet in compoto precedente
 [De abbate sancti Au]gustini de ob. de libra ij annorum ult' de capitulo anno M^lcccciiijxxiiij ciij.s. vij.d.
 [.] de q. de marca anno M^lcccccviij^o cxvj.s
 vj.d. q. di.
- De eodem abbatе de ob. de libra anno M^lccccxj^o viij li. xv.s. iiiij.d. ob.
- De abbate de Abyndon' pro q. de libra de anno M^lccccij^o xlivij.s. ob. di q.
- De eodem abbatе de den. de libra de anno M^lcccccvt^o. xj.li. x.s. ix.d.
- De eodem abbatе de q. de marca de anno M^lcccccviij^o. iij.li. vj.s. vj.d. q. di.
- De eodem abbatе de ob. de libra de anno M^lccccxj^o. cxv.s. iiiij.d. ob.
- Reading — $\frac{1}{2}$ d/ $\frac{1}{2}$ f — 1402 — £1.12.11 $\frac{1}{4}$
- " — id/ $\frac{1}{2}$ f — 1405 — 6.11. 9.
- " — $\frac{1}{2}$ d/mk — 1408 — 2. 8. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$
- " — $\frac{1}{2}$ d/ $\frac{1}{2}$ f — 1411 — 3. 5. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
- Hyde — $\frac{1}{2}$ d/mk[sic] — 1405 — £2.0.0.
- De abbatе de Hyda ad capitulum de anno 1411 debet £2.14.11 $\frac{1}{4}$
- Hyde — $\frac{1}{2}$ d/ $\frac{1}{2}$ f — [1411] — 1.0.0.
- Battle — 139[6] — £0.8.3 $\frac{1}{4}$
- " — $\frac{1}{2}$ d/ $\frac{1}{2}$ f — 1402 — 0.1.3 $\frac{1}{2}$
- " — id/ $\frac{1}{2}$ f — 14[05] — [0.5.]4.
- " — $\frac{1}{2}$ d/ $\frac{1}{2}$ f — [1411] — 0.2.7.
- < Faversham — £5.0.0. >
- Faversham — [$\frac{1}{2}$ d/ $\frac{1}{2}$ f] — 1378 — £1.17.6.
- " — $\frac{1}{2}$ d/mk — 1381 — 1. 8.1 $\frac{1}{2}$
- " — $\frac{1}{2}$ d/[$\frac{1}{2}$ f] — 1402 — 0. 2.3.
- " — id/mk[sic] — 1405 — 0. 8.9.
- " — $\frac{1}{2}$ d/ $\frac{1}{2}$ f — 1411 — 0. 4.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- < " — pro multis — 1408 — £5. 0.0. >
- De priore de Colne de contribucione super ipsum pendente de diversis annis, ut patet in annis precedentibus xj.li xvij.s. iiiij.d.
 < De priore de Hatfeld' Brodeok' de diversis contribucionibus, ut patet ibidem x.li. xiiij.s. vj.d >

[left margin :] < iijxx xix.li. xvij.s. vj.d. q>

¹ The beginning of the roll is torn away, and the roll is damaged in other places.

*Antiqua debita multarum inposit[arum] diversis p[re]latis pro defectu
scolarium pro diversis annis, ut patet in compoto precedente.*

- De abbate de Abyndon' de multis anno M^lccccvij^o c.s.
- De abbate de Hyda de multis anno M^lccccvij^o l.s.
- De abbate de Faversham pro multis anno predicto c.s.
- De Priore Dovorr' pro multis anno predicto c.s.

[left margin :] < xvij.li. x.s. >

De abbate de Wynchecombe altero collectore contribucionis predicte
in aliis diocesibus super diversis expensis suis etc' xx.li.

[left margin :] < xx.li. >

< *[totalis ccxxv.li. xix s v.d.]* >
< *[totalis ccxxxvij.li. xiij.s. x.d. [q] ob q]* >

[membrane 2.]

< totalis ij^exxix.li. xj.s. *[ij d. q]* * [j d. q. . . .]* j.d. ob. q
et di. >

In excessu ipsius abbatis Westm' acquietandi ut patet in pede
comptoi Thome abbatis de Evesham¹ nuper collectoris ad ultimum
generale capitulum. xiij.li. vj.s.

Et in allocacione ipsius abbatis pro officio presidentis hoc anno
vj li. xiiij.s. iiiij.d.

Et solutum magistro Ricardo Betty pro impetratiōne bille perpetue
[pro] < concernentis tam > scolar' Oxon' *[et]* < quam > Cant'
xxij.li.

Et solutum fratribus Ricardo Yerdely et Ricardo Skypton' monachis
Cestrie, tam pro eorum victu, vestitu et aliis necessariis suis, ac pro
cartis suis de domino rege et domino principe impetrandis et aliis suis
placitis xl.li. vj.s. ij.d.

Et solutum fratri Willelmo Amondysham eunti versus Cestriam pro
citando abbatem ibidem cum notariis et aliis iuris peritis de mandato
dominorum presidencium xx.li. v s. v.d.

Et solutum diversis iuris peritis retentis de consilio ordinis per pre-
sidentes, ut magistro Ricardo Talbot, magistro Philipo Davy, magistro
Edmundo Warham, magistro Iohanne Bretnore, magistro Ricardo
Leyot et aliis scribis et notariis circa dicta negotia occupatis xxxj.li.
ij.s. viij.d.

Et in diversis expensis factis circa dicta negotia in proseundo
versus dominum principem et consilium suum pro licencia habenda
visitandi abbatem Cestrie xxiiij.li. ij.s.

Et in expensis ipsius presidentis eundo bina vice de London' usque
Cestriam pro abbatte Cestrie visitando et aliis negociis ordinem tan-
gentibus ibidem faciendis de concensu tocius capituli iiij^vvj.li.
xix.s. iiiij.d.

Et in diversis nunciis et procuratoribus missis per ipsum presidentem

¹ ? for Eynsham, cf. Nos. 296-300.

versus curiam Romanam pro negocis ordinis expediendis et precipue
pro causa ordinis contra abbatem Cestrie defendendis xxiiij.li.

Et solutum fratri Roberto Whatele monacho Westm' pro denariis
per ipsum solutis pro causione hospicii de Burnell' iij.li. xvij.s. viij.d.

Et in pergameno empto cum expensis diversorum nunciorum missorum
ad diversos abbates et priores pro denariis levandis xxij.s.

[continues in a different hand:]

< *[Et allocat'. abbati de Hida *[per presidentes]* alieerd to :
< de perdonacione presidentium > vj.li. vij.s. vij.d. ob.]*

Et allocat' abbati de Hida, per abbatem Wynchecombe et priorem
Wynton' tunc presidentes in capitulo Northampton' celebrato anno
Domini millesimo iiiij° xiiij cum xxxvij.s viij.d. ob. solutis super hunc
auditum in plenam solucionem omnium arreragiorum dicti abbatis de
Hida vj.li. vij.s. vij.d. ob.

Et solutum priori Wynton' pro officio presidencie hoc anno *[Domini]*
videlicet pro anno Domini M^occcciiij^oxiiij^o¹ ix.li. v.s. ix d. ob. q.

Et allocatum eidem priori presidente pro diversis negotiis expediendis
tangentibus abbatem Cestrie xx.li.

Et allocatum eidem priori pro excessibus suis, ut patet in ultimo
compoto Thome abbatis de Eynesham de anno Domini millesimo
iiiij° viij° viij.li xvij.s. ij.d. q.

Summa cccxvij.li. iij.s. ij.d. ob.
Et sic exced' iiij^{xx}vij.li. xij.s. ob et di. q.

[verso:]

*Debita pendencia super diversos de antiquis arreveragiis diversorum annorum
precedentium superius onerat' et nondum levat'*

Abbas sancti Augustini

Abbas sancti Augustini de ob. de libra ij annorum ultimorum de
capitulo anno M^occcciiij^{xx}vij^{to} < debet > ciij.s. vij.d.

Idem abbas de q. de marca anno M^occccvij^o < debet > cxvij.s. vj.d.
q et di.

Idem abbas de ob. de libra anno M^occcccxj^o < debet > vij.li.
xv.s. iiiij.d. ob.

< xvij.li xv.s. v.d. . . . >

Abbas Abyndon'

$\frac{1}{2}d/\frac{1}{2}r$ — 1402 < debet > — £2. 4. $\frac{5}{8}$

$\frac{1}{2}d/\frac{1}{2}r$ — 1405 < debet > — 11.10.9.

$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$ — 1408 < debet > — 4. 6. $\frac{6}{8}$

$\frac{1}{2}d/\frac{1}{2}r$ — 1411 < debet > — 5.15.4 $\frac{1}{2}$

< xxiiij.li. xvij.s. viij.d. ob. >

¹ corrected from xiij^o.

Abbas Redyng'

$\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}_1$ — 1402 < debet > — £1.12.11 $\frac{1}{4}$
 $\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}_1$ — 1405 — 6.11. 9
 $\frac{1}{2}d/mk$ — 1408 — 2. 8. 6 $\frac{2}{3}$
 $\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}_1$ — 1411 — 3. 5.10 $\frac{1}{2}$
< xij.li. xix s. j.d. di. q. >

Abbas de Hyda

< $\frac{1}{2}d/mk$ — 1405 < debet > — £2.0.0.
*[Ab. de Hyda de antiquis contribucionibus et multis debet
£2.14.11 $\frac{1}{4}$]*
[$\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}_1$ — pro ij annis — 1411 — £1.0.0.]
*[< Ab. de Hyda de antiquis contribucionibus ultra £3.15. $\frac{1}{4}$ solut'
debet £6.19.11. $\frac{1}{4}$ >]*

Abbas de Bello

1396 — £0.8.3 $\frac{1}{4}$.
1402 — $\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}_1$ — 0.1.3 $\frac{1}{4}$
 $\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}_1$ — 1405 — 0.5.4.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}_1$ — 1411 — 0.2.7.
< xvij.s. v d. ob. >

Abbas de Faversham

$\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}_1$ — 1378 — £1.17.6.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/mk$ — 1381 — 1. 8.1 $\frac{1}{4}$
 $\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}_1$ — 1402 — 0. 2.3.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}_1$ — 1405 — 0. 8.9.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}_1$ — 1411 — 0. 4.4 $\frac{1}{4}$
< — pro multis — 1408 — £5.0.0 >
[iiij.li. xj.d.] < ix.li. x.s. ob. q. >

Prior de Colne de contribuzione super ipsum pendente de diversis annis, ut patet in annis precedentibus xj.li. xvij.s. iiij.d < patet >
< Prior de Hatfeldbrodhok x.li. xij.s. vj.d. >
< Summa xxij.li. xj.s. x.d. >

[left margin :] < iiijxxvij.li xvij.d.

Debita multarum pendencia super diversos prelatos pro diversis annis precedentibus superius onerat' et nondum levat'

Abbas de Abyndon' de multis anno M^lccccvij^o c.s.

[Abbas de Hyda de multis anno M^lccccvij^o c.s.] < nichil quia supra>

Abbas de Faversham pro multis anno predicto c.s

Prior Dovor' pro multis anno predicto c.s.

< Summa horum debitorum coniuncta ciiij li. x.s. viij.d. ob. q. >

[left margin:]

< xv.li. >

< iiij^{xx}xvj.li. xvij.d. >

< c.iiij.li. x.s. viij.d. ob. q. >

< Nomina non solvencium de iij annis ultimis >

Abbas Westmon' pro contribucione predicta per tres annos *[xij.li.]¹

St. Aug. Canterbury—£11.13.³₄

Malmesbury—3.7.6.

Abingdon—8.13.³₄

Reading—8.18.³₄

*[Hyde—pro eadem contrib. pro duobus annis £1.16.6¹₂ solut' pro j.

anno £3.13.4]* < solut' priori Westmon. £1.16.7¹₂ >

Battle—< ultra £2.10.0. solut' debet £5.0.0. >

Colchester—£2.12.6.

[Walden—3.0.0.] < quia solvit £1.3.4 priori Westmon. super compotum et residuum allocatur eidem pro diffinizione >

Chertsey—2.0.7¹₂.

Faversham—< ultra £0.15.0. solut' > £2.1.3.

Abbotsbury—< ultra £0.8.6 > £0.17.0.

[Cerne—< ultra £0.12.6. > £1.5.0.] < quia solvit den' priori Westmon. super compotum >

[St Swithun's Winchester—9.5.9³₄] < quia allocatur infra >

Rochester—< ultra £0.18.6 > £1.17.0.

Dover—2.9.6.

Colne—1.5.6.

< Hatfield Broadaak—1.2.6. >

[< Milton—1.13.4¹₂ >] < quia solut' priori Westmon. >

[Sherborne—1.15².] < quia solut' priori Westmon. >

[left margin:]

[liij.li. xvij.s. ix.d. ob. q.]

[lxix.li. xxij.d. ob.]

[lxx.li. xv.s. iiij.d.]

[membrane 2.]

Summa totalis non solut' *[xv x.d.]*

[c.iiij^{xx}xvj.li. iiij.s. iiij.d. ob. qua supra respectat' sive alloc' computans excederet ccxvij.li. xj.s. iiij.d.] *[ccxx.li iiij.s. viij.d. ob.]*

Summa *[lj.li. xvij.s. ix.d. ob. q.]* lj.li. xvij.s. ix.d. ob. q.

¹ All the sums in this section seem to be added in another hand.

Summa omnium debitorum supradictorum coniuncta *[clix.li.
viiij.s.]* < clvj.li viij.s > v.d. ob.

Et sic excedit in toto infra et extra ccxl*[vj]* < iij. > li. xix.s. vj.d.
q. et di.

[**315.** *Account of the collector of contributions in the Southern dioceses.*
1414-17.]

Westminster Abbey Mun. 12395 ; collated with duplicate, Mun. 12396.

Compotus Willelmi abbatis Westmon' collectoris contribucionis triennalis ob. de marca impositae in capitulo generali celebrato apud Norhampton' in anno Domini millesimo ccccxxiiij^o in diocesibus Cantuariensi, Londoniensi, Roffensi, Cicesterensi, Wytoniensi, et Sar', et auditus et terminatus in anno Domini millesimo ccccxxvij^{mō}.

De abbatte Westmon' pro contribucione predicta per iij annos precedentes xij li. ix s. xj d. q.

De abbatte sancti Augustini pro eadem contribucione per idem tempus xj li. xij s. ob. q.

De abbatte de Malmesbury pro eadem contribucione per idem tempus lxvij s. vj d.

De abbatte de Abyndon pro eadem contribucione per idem tempus vij li. xij s. ob q.

De abbatte de Redyng pro eadem contribucione per idem tempus viij li. xvij s. iij d. ob q.

De abbatte de Hyda pro eadem contribucione per idem tempus cix s. x d. ob

De abbatte de Bello pro eadem contribucione per idem tempus vij li x s.

De abbatte Colcestrie pro eadem contribucione per idem tempus lij s. vj d.

De abbatte de Walden' pro eadem contribucione per idem tempus lx s.

De abbatte de Chertesy pro eadem contribucione per idem tempus xl s. vij d. ob.

De abbatte de Faversham pro eadem contribucione per idem tempus lvj s. iij d.

De abbatte de Abbottesbury pro eadem contribucione per idem tempus xxv s. vj d.

De abbatte de Serne pro eadem contribucione per idem tempus xxxvij s. vj d.

De abbatte de Milton' pro eadem contribucione per idem tempus xxxvij s. iiiij d. ob.

De abbatte de Shirbourne pro contribucione per idem tempus xxxvij s. iiiij d. ob.

De priore sancti Swithuni Wynton' pro contribucione per idem tempus ix li. v s. ix d. ob. q.

De priore Roffensi pro eadem contribucione per idem tempus lv s. vj d.

De priore Dovorrie pro eadem contribucione per idem tempus xlxiij s. vj d.

De priore de Colne pro eadem contribucione per idem tempus xxv s. vj d.

De priore de Hatfeld Brodeok pro contribucione per idem tempus xxij s. vj d.

Summa iiij^{xx}xij li. iiij s. viij d. q.

Recepta forinceca

De abbatte de Bury per manus abbatis de Selby iiij li. xj s.
Summa iiij li. xj s.

Summa totalis receptorum iiij^{xx}xvj li. xv s. viij d. q.

In excessu ipsius abbatis Westmon' collectoris acquietand^a ut patet
in pede compoti sui ad ultimum capitulum redditio iiij^{xx}vij li. xj s.
ob. et di. q.

Et in allocacione ipsius abbatis pro officio presidentis hoc anno
vj.li. xij s. iiij d.

Et in expensis fratris Willelmi Amodesham una cum expensis duorum
serviencium cum iij equis euncium ad diversa monasteria pro pecunia
mutuanda pro reverendis in Christo patribus abbate sancti Edmundi
et priore Wygorn' euntibus ad Constanciam ad consilium generale in
ambassiate domini regis et negotiis tocius ordinis xij li. xij s. iiij d.

Et solut' diversis iurisperitis retentis de concilio ordinis apud Con-
stanciam per duos annos, ut magistro Ricardo Betty, magistro Roberto
Ely et aliis scribis et notariis ibidem existentibus in negotiis ordinis
expedientis et defendendis xxij li. vj s. viij d.

Et in diversis expensis factis et ¹ literis impetratis de domino rege
pro abbatte sancti Edmundi et priore Wygorne videlicet proteccionibus
et literis de familiaritate et alis in transitu ipsorum abbatis et prioris
iiij li. iiij s.

Et in donis datis diversis nunciis venientibus de Constancia missis
per abbatem sancti Edmundi, priorem Wygorne et alias de consilio
ibidem pro eisdem negotiis iiij li. xij s. iiij d.

Et in expensis magistri Elye Whatele notarii et Lodowyci Gellyng'
missorum ad diversa monasteria et prioratus ad intimandum eisdem de
debitis que debentur de contribucionibus et multis lvj s. viij d.

Et in pergameno empto pro rotulis compoti cum expensis diversorum
nunciorum missorum ad diversos abbates et priores pro denariis levandis
xj s. viij d.

¹ et] pro *duplicate*.

In expensis prioris de Bradewell' exclusi de prioratu suo ante finem factum inter ipsum et patronos suos vj li. xijj s. iijj d.

Summa omnium expensarum cxlix li. iij s. iijj d. ob. et di. q.

Et sic excedit lij li. viij s. viij d. q. di.

¹ Postea allocantur eidem pro denariis missis ad Constanciam pro expensis abbatis de Bury et prioris Wigorn' ambassiatorum et procuratorum ordinis iiij^{xx} vj li. xijj s. iijj d.¹

Et allocantur abbatii de Cerne de dono et perdonacione dominorum presidencium xxxvij s. vj d.

Et allocantur abbatii de Abyndon de antiquis arreragiis suis in hoc compoto pendentibus ultra x li. solutas super finem eiusdem compoti xxxvj li. ij s. x d.

Et allocantur abbatii de Redyng de antiquis arreragiis suis consimiliter perdonatis xij li. xix s. j d. q. et di.

Et allocantur abbatii de Faversham de consimilibus arreragiis suis perdonatis xj li. ij s. iijj d. ob.

Et allocantur abbatii de Walden perdonat' in compoto precedenti [et ibidem omissis] ² xxvj s. viij d.

³ Summa allocacionum clj li. xxj d. ob. q. di.

Et sic excedit cciij li. ix s. vj d. q.³

Postea allocantur abbatii sancti Augustini de antiquis arreragiis suis super ipsum pendentibus xxv li. vj s. viij d. q. et di. de mandato presidencium.

Et allocantur abbatii de Faversham de arreragiis suis lxxvj s. iij d. de dono et perdonacione presidencium

⁴ Et sic excedit ccxxxij li. xij s. iijj d. ob. di. q.

[Four lines follow, erased and illegible.] ⁴

¹⁻¹ *duplicate reads :*

Postea allocantur eidem pro denarius missis ad Constanciam abbatibus de sancto Edmundo et Eborac' et priori Wigorn' pro diversis expensis ibidem factis xx li.

Et allocantur eidem pro denariis solutis abbatii de sancto Edmundo pro expensis suis in concilio generali ante recessum suum de Anglia xxxij li vj s. viij d.

Et allocantur eidem pro denariis solutis priori Wygorn' pro expensis suis in consilio generali ante recessum suum de Anglia xxxij li. vj s. viij d.

² *damaged ; words supplied from duplicate.*

³⁻³ *om. duplicate, and runs on, reading : Et allocantur abbatii sancti Augustini [etc.].*

⁴⁻⁴ *duplicate reads :*

Summa allocacionum ciij^{xx} li. iijj s. viij d. q.

Et sic excedit ccxxxij li. xij s. iijj d. ob. et di. q.

Postea respectantur eidem iijj^{xx} iijj li. xvij s. x d. q. de denariis pendentibus super diversos abbates et priores ut extra superius onerat' et nondum levat'.

Et sic excedit clare cccxvij li. ix s. ij d. ij d. ob. q. di.

Debita pendencia super diversos de antiquis arreragiis diversorum annorum precedencium superius onerat' et nondum levat'.

Abbas
sancti
Augustini

*[Abbas sancti Augustini pro ob. de libra ij^{orum} annorum ultimorum de capitulo anno M^l iiij^c lxxxiiij^o debet cnijs. vij d.

Idem abbas pro q. de marca anno Domini M^l ccccvij^o debet cxvj s. vj d. q. di,

Idem abbas pro ob de libra anno M^lcccc xij^o debet vij li xv s. iiij d. ob

Idem abbas pro ob. de marca anno M^lcccc xiiij^o xij li. xiij s. ob. q.

Idem abbas pro ob de marca pro iij annis precedentibus ultra x marcas liberatas priori Westmon' iiij li. xvij s. ob. q.

Summa xxxv li. vj s. viij d. q. di]*

< debet x li.
residuum
condonatur >

Abbas de
Abyndon
<quietus
recessit>

< respect-
atur c.s.
postea
solut'
priori >

*[Abbas de Abyndon' debet pro q. de libra de anno M^lccccij^do xliij s. ob. et di q.

Idem abbas pro den, de libra anno M^lcccc v^to xj li. x s. ix d.

Idem abbas debet pro q. de marca anno M^lcccvij^o iiij li. vj s. vj d. q. di.

Idem abbas debet pro ob. de libra anno M^lccccxj^o cxv s. iiiij d. ob.

Idem abbas debet pro ob. de marca anno M^lccccxiiij^o < scilicet pro compoto > viij li. xiij s. ob. q.

Idem abbas debet pro ob. de marca pro iij annis precedentibus < scilicet hoc > viij li. xiij s. ob. q.

Summa xlj li. ij s. x d.]*

< cancellatur
hic quia
allocatur
inferius
in pede >

*['Abbas de Redyng' debet pro q. de libra de anno M^l cccc ij^{dō} xxxij s. xj d. q.]

Idem abbas debet pro den. de libra de anno M^l cccc v^{tō} vj li. xj s. ix d.

Idem abbas debet de q. de marca de anno M^l cccc viij^o xlviij s. vj d. q. di.

Idem abbas debet pro ob. de libra de anno Domini M^l cccc xj^o lxv s. x d. ob.

Idem abbas debet de contribucione iij annorum precedencium ¹ ultra viij li. xvij s. iiij d. ob. q. viij li. xvij s. iiij d. ob. q.]*

[Summa xlj ² li. xvij s. iiij d. ob. q. di.]

< Summa viij li. xvij s. iiij d. ob. q. >

} < cancellatur
quia
allocatur
in pede
inferius >

Abbas de Redyng'
< quietus recessit >

Abbas de Hyda debet pro iiij annis precedentibus ³ cix s. x d. ob.
Summa ut patet

Abbas de Bello debet pro anno Domini M^lccc lxxxxvj^o viij s. iiij d. q.

Idem abbas pro q. de libra de anno M^l cccc ij^o xv d. q.

Idem abbas pro den. de libra anno M^l cccc v^{tō} v s. iiij d.

Idem abbas debet pro ob. de libra de anno M^l cccc xj ij s. viij d.

Idem abbas debet pro ob. de marca de anno M^l iiij^c xiiij^o *[vij li. x s.]* ⁴
< c s. >

Idem abbas debet pro iiij annis precedentibus ultra cvij s. iiij d. solut'
[xlj s. viij d.] ⁵ < iiij li. xj s. viij d. >
Summa x li. ix s. j d. ob.

Abbas de Bello

¹ om duplicate. ² dupl.: xxij li.; this sum cancelled, and Et equet added.
³ + ultra cxj.s vj.d. ob. q. in j particula xxxvj.s. viij.d. ob
 in alia particula solut' priori Westmon added and struck through dupl.
⁴ om dupl. ⁵ om dupl.

Abbas de Faversham	<p>*[Abbas de Faversham debet de ob. de libra de anno M^lccclxxvij^o xxxvij s. vj d.</p> <p>Idem abbas debet pro q. de marca de anno M^lccclxxxj^o xxvij s. j d. ob.</p> <p>Idem abbas debet pro q. de libra de anno Domini M^lccccij^o ij s. iiij d.</p> <p>Idem abbas pro den. de libra de anno Domini M^lcccc v^{to} viij s. ix d.</p> <p>Idem abbas pro ob. de libra de anno Domini M^lccccxj^o iij s. iiij d. ob.</p> <p>Idem abbas debet pro ob de marca de anno M^lccccxiij^o *[vj s. iiij d.]* < ultra. xv s. solut' priori Westmon' xlj s. iiij d.></p> <p>Idem abbas debet pro ob. de marca pro ijj^{bus} annis precedentibus < ultra xxx s. solut' xxvj s. iiiij d.>]*</p>	< cancellatur >
Abbas de Malmesbury	Abbas de Malmesbury debet pro iij annis precedentibus ultra lxvij s. vj d. solut' priori Westmon' de arreragiis suis lxvij s. vj d. Summa ut patet ³	
Abbas Colcestrie	*[Abbas Colcestrie debet pro iij annis precedentibus ultra lij s. vj d. solut' priori Westmon' de arreragiis suis lij s. vj d. Summa ut patet]*	
Abbas de Walden	*[Abbas de Walden debet pro iij annis precedentibus ultra xxxvij s. iiij d. solut' priori Westmon' lx.s.]* ⁴ *[Summa ut patet]* < Et debet xx s.> ⁴	

¹ quia alloc' in pede dupl.² om dupl.³ Summa lxvij s. vj.d. quos debet dupl⁴⁻⁴ et solut' priori xl.s. Summa *[lx.s.]* < Et debet xx s. qui deberent allocari. > dupl.

Abbas de
Chertesey

{*[Abbas de Chertesey debet pro ob. de ¹ < quia sol'
marca anno M^lccccxiij^o xl s. vij d. super
ob. compotum > ¹
Idem abbas debet pro iij annis pre-
cedentibus xl.s. vij d. ob.]*
³ <Set respectatur de ista summa
[xlviij s.] xl s. vij d. ob. quam sum-
mam postea solvit fratri Rogerio ²> ³
[Summa iij li. xv d.]

Abbas de
Abbotes-
bury

{*[Abbas de Abbotesbury debet pro ob.
de marca de anno M^lccccxiij^o xxv s.
vj d.]*
Idem abbas debet pro iij annis pre-
cedentibus ultra viij s. vj d. liberat'
priori Westmon' xvij s.

Summa *[xlij s. vj d.]* < debet xvij s. >

Abbas de
Serne

{*[Abbas de Serne debet pro ob. de
marca de anno M^lccccxiij^o xxxvij s. ⁴ < cancellatur
vj d. quia
Idem abbas debet pro iij annis pre-
cedentibus ultra xxv s. solut' priori
Westmon' xij s. vj d.]* < sol' >
⁴ *[Summa xxxvij s. vj d.]* ⁴

Abbas de
Milton

{*[Abbas de Milton debet pro iij annis
precedentibus ultra xxij s. iiiij d. ob.
solut' priori Westmon' xxxuij s. iiiij d.
ob.]*
[Summa ut patet]

Abbas de
Shirbourne

{*[Abbas de Shirbourne debet pro iij
annis precedentibus ultra xxxvij s.
iiiij d. ob. solut' priori Westmon'
xxxxvij s. iiij d. ob.]*
< quos solvit in fine compoti et sic
recessit quietus >
[Summa ut patet]

quietus

Prior sancti Swithuni Wynton'
debet pro iij annis precedentibus ix li.
v s. x d. ob. q.
Summa ut patet ⁵

¹⁻¹ om dupl

² probably Roger Cretton or Kyrton; cf. above, II, 96, 139, below, p. 190;
Pearce, *Monks of Westminster*, 121.

³⁻³ Et debet xl s. vij d. ob. dupl.

⁴⁻⁴ om dupl.

⁵ add Et debet ix li. v.s. x d. ob. q. dupl.

Prior Dovorrie debet pro ob. de
marca anno M^lcccc xiiij^o xl ix s. vij d.

Idem prior debet pro iij annis pre-
cedentibus xl ix s. vij d.

Summa iij li. xix s.¹

Prior de Colne [?] debet pro con-
tri]buc' super ipsum pendent' de diver-
sis annis ut patet in compoto prece-
denti xiij li. iij s. x d.

Idem prior debet pro iij annis pre-
cedentibus xxv s. vij d.

Summa xij li. ix s. iiiij d.²

Prior de Hatfeld Brodeok debet de
diversis annis xj li. xvij s.

Idem prior pro iij annis precedentie-
bus xxij s. vij d.

[New membr.] Summa xij li. xvij s. vij d.³

*Debita multarum pendencia super diversos prelatos pro diversis annis
precedentibus superius onerat[a] et nondum levat[a]*

*[Abbas de Abyndon debet de multis < cancellatur
de anno M^lccccvij^o c s.]* quia

*[Abbas [de Feversham]⁴ debet de allocatur
multis de anno M^lccc lxxij^o c s. in pede >

Idem abbas [de multis]⁴ de anno Domini M^lccclxxxxij^o c s.]< cancellatur
Idem abbas pro multis de anno M^lccccvij^o c s.]* quia allocatur
inferius >

Prior Dovorrie debet de multis de
anno M^lccccvij^o c s.

[Summa xx li.] < c s. >⁵

Summa omnium debitorum supra-
dictorum coniunctorum⁶ *[ccxxxv li.
ij s. ob.]*

*[< cxxj li. vij s. xj d.
ob. et di. q. >]*⁶
< iiiijxxiiij li. xvij s.
x d. q. >

^{1, 2, 3} add quos debet dupl.

⁴ damaged; words restored from duplicate.

⁵ add quos debet prior Dovorrie dupl.

⁶⁻⁶ om dupl.

¹ Et sic excedit clar' *[cclxxvij li.
vij s. x d. ob. q. et di.]
*[< cccxiiij li. xvij s. v d. ob.
q. et di.>]
< cccxvij li. ix s. ij d. ob. q.
di.>

[316. *Account of the collector of contributions in the Western dioceses.*
1414-17.]

Westminster Abbey Mun. 12399.

Comptus Willelmi abbatis Winchcombe collectoris contribucionis triennalis ob. de marca infra dioceses Bathoniensem et Wellensem, Excestr', Wygorniensem, Lichefeldensem et Coventrensem, in ultimo generali capitulo apud Northampton' celebrato anno Domini millesimo cccc^mo xiiiij^mo < auditus et determinatus anno Domini millesimo cccc^mo xvij^o. >

De abbatte Wynchcombe pro contribucione predicta per tres annos xxxij s. xj.d. q.

Evesham	— £2.16. 5 $\frac{1}{4}$.
Chester	— 4.10. 0.
Glastonbury	— 14.16. 3.
Gloucester	— 4.16. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$.
Tewkesbury	— 4.11. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Shrewsbury	— 2. 5.11 $\frac{1}{4}$.
Tavistock	— 1.19. 0.
Burton	— 1. 8.10 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Pershore	— 1.13.11 $\frac{1}{4}$.
Muchelney	— 0.18.10 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Athelney	— 1.10. 0.
Alcester	— 5. 3. 8 $\frac{1}{4}$.
Worcester	— 3.12. 0.
Coventry	— 3. 1.10 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Bath	— 1. 7. 0.
Little Malvern	— 0. 9. 3 $\frac{3}{4}$.

De priore de Canwell *[nichil quia disclamat interesse capitulo generali]*

De priore de Berkenheved *[nichil hic causa predicta]*
Summa lvj.li. xij.s. v.d. q.

¹ om dupl., and add at the end of the roll, reversed: Comptus Willelmi abbatis Westmon. collectoris contribucionis triennalis < auditus et terminatus > in anno Domini M^lcccc xvij^o.

Rec[epita] forinc[eca]

- . De abbate de Bury per manus Iohannis Cranewys de contribucione abbatis Ebor' anno M^o ccccxiij^o. x.li. viij.s. iiij.d. ob.
- . Item de eodem in festo sancti Egidii de contribucione abbatis de Selby ob. de marca anno Domini M^o ccccxiij^o. xl.s.
- . Item de eodem de contribucione abbatis de Bury anno Domini millesimo ccccxiiij^o viij.li.¹
- . Item de abbate sancti Benedicti de Hulmo pro eadem contribucione iiij.li. iij.s. iiij.d.
- . Item de priore Norwic' pro eadem contribucione viij.li. iij.s. iiij.d.
- . Item de abbatte de Burgo sancti Petri pro eadem contribucione vj.li. xvij.s. ix.d.
- . Item de abbatte Sancti Albani pro eadem contribucione viij.li. xijj.s.
- . Item de abbatte de Eynesham pro contribucione ob. de marca anno Domini millesimo ccccxj^o iiij.li. x.s.
- . Item de eodem de contribucione ob. de marca anno Domini millesimo ccccxiiij^o iiij.li. x.s.
- . Item de abbatte de Ramesey pro contribucione ob. de marca anno Domini millesimo ccccxj^o xij.li. viij.s. iiij.d.
- . Item de eodem pro contribucione ob. de marca anno Domini millesimo ccccxiiij^o xij.li. viij.s. iiij.d.

Summa iiiij^{xxv}.li. xij.d. ob.*Recept[i]o den[ariorum] < in parte > debiti antiqui*

- Item *receptum* de abbatte de Tavestoke pro contribucione ob. de marca anno millesimo ccccxj^o xxxix s.
- Item *receptum* de abbatte de Tewkesbury de antiquis debitibus pro contribucione den. de libra a^o. m^o.ccccvt^o. xx.s.
- Item de abbatte de Evesham de contribucione den. de libra anno millesimo ccccv^o. xv.d. ob.
- Item de abbatte Cestrie pro contribucione ob. de marca anno millesimo ccccxj^o. iiij.li. x.s.
- Item de abbatte Salop' pro contribucione ob. de marca anno millesimo ccccxj^o. xl.v.s. xij.d. q.
- Item de abbatte de Eynesham pro cc. quercubus venditis eidem xij.li. Summa xxj.li. xv.s. ij.d. ob.q.

Rec[epcio] donorum

De abbatte de Eynesham ad fabricam nove capelle Oxon' in Gloucestre college xx.s.

De abbatte sancti Benedicti de Hulmo ad predictam fabricam xiij.s. iiij.d.

De abbatte de Abyndon' ad eandem fabricam c.s.

Summa vj.li. xij.s. iiij.d.

¹ sic: for xij?; cf. p. 180, line 5.

Antiqua debita pendencia super diversos de arreragis contribucionum et multarum annorum precedencium.

Evesham

De abbate de Evesham pro defectu scolarium anno Domini millesimo ccc nonagesimo tercio x.li.

Summa. x.li.

Cestria

De abbate Cestrie pro contribucione q. de marca anno Domini millesimo ccclxxxxij^o xiij.s. iij.d. et terciam partem q.

De eodem abbatе de q. de libra anno millesimo ccccij^o xxx.s.

De eodem abbatе de q. de marca anno Domini millesimo ccclxxxxvij^o xiij.s. iij.d. et terciam partem q.

De eodem abbatе pro defectu scolarium anno Domini millesimo ccclxxxxix^o. c.s.

De eodem abbatе de denario de libra anno Domini millesimo ccccv^o. vj.li.

De eodem abbatе pro q. de marca anno Domini millesimo ccccvij^o. xlvi.s.

De eodem abbatе de multis pro defectu scolarium eodem anno vj.li. xiij.s. iij.d.

De eodem abbatе de contribucione ob. de libra anno Domini millesimo ccccxj^o. lx.s.

Summa xxv.li. xiij.s. x.d. ij part' l.

Borton'

De abbate de Borton' pro contribucione diversorum annorum aretro ut patet in compoto precedenti cv.s. x.d. ob.

Summa cv.s. x.d. ob.

Glastonia

De abbate Glaston' pro contribucione q. de marca anno Domini millesimo cccvij^o cvj.s. j.d. ob. di. q.

Summa cvj.s. j.d. ob. di. q.

Gloucestr'

½d/mk — 1393 — £2. 8.1⅓.

½d/mk — 1411 — 4.16.2⅓

Summa vij.li. iiiij.s. iij.d. q. et di.

Tewkesbury

1d/£1 — 1405 — £0.19.0.

1d/mk — 1408 — 0.10.0.

Summa xxix.s. x.d. ob.

Salopia

pro defectu scolarium — 1390 — £10.0.0.
 pro defectu scolarium — 1396 — 5.0.0.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/mk$ — 1393 — 1. 2. 11 $\frac{3}{8}$.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/mk$ — 1396 — 1. 2. 11 $\frac{5}{8}$.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/\text{l}i$ — 1402 — 0.15. 3 $\frac{3}{4}$.
 pro defectu scolarium — 1399 — 10.0.0.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/\text{l}i$ — 1405 — 3. 1. 3.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/mk$ — 1408 — 1. 2. 11 $\frac{5}{8}$.
 De eodem abbate quia absentavit se a capitulo anno Domini millesimo
 cccvij^o. c.s.
 pro defectu scolarium eodem anno — £6.13.4.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/\text{l}i$ — 1411 — 1.10. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$.
 Summa xlvi.li. ix s. v.d. di. q.

Perschore

pro defectu scolarium — 1408 — £2.10.0.
 Summa l.s.

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Athelney

$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$ — 1408 — £0.0.6.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/\text{l}i$ — 1411 — £0.0.9.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/mk$ — 1411 [sic] — £0.9.10.
 Summa xj.s. j.d.

Alcestr'

$\frac{1}{2}d/\text{l}i$ — 1402 — £1.12. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/\text{l}i$ — 1405 — 6. 5. 8 $\frac{5}{8}$.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/mk$ — 1408 — 2.11.10 $\frac{3}{8}$.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/\text{l}i$ — 1411 — 3. 9. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/mk$ — 1411 — [sic] — £5.3.8 $\frac{1}{4}$.
 Summa xix.h. ij.s. xj.d. q.

Coventr'

$\frac{1}{2}d/\text{l}i$ — 1378 — £5.13. 5 $\frac{1}{4}$.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/mk$ — 1381 — 1.10.11 $\frac{1}{4}$.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/\text{l}i$ — 1384 — 2. 1. 3.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/mk$ — 1393 — 1.10.11 $\frac{1}{4}$.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/mk$ — 1396 — 1.10.11 $\frac{1}{4}$.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/\text{l}i$ — 1402 — 1. 0. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/\text{l}i$ — 1405 — 4. 2. 6
 $\frac{1}{2}d/mk$ — 1408 — 1.10.11 $\frac{1}{4}$.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/\text{l}i$ — 1411 — 2. 1. 3.
 Summa xxj.li. ij.s ix.d. ob. q.

Summa horum debitorum coniuncta cxliij.li. xvij.s. iij.d. q.
 Summa totalis recept' cum antiquis debitibus cccxiiij.li. xv.d. ob. q.

Allocaciones]

In allocacione ipsius abbatis Wynchecomb' pro officio presidentis
hoc anno c.s.

Item in expensis factis pro contribucione levanda xv.s.

Item petit allocacionem de ijs. vij.d. < ob > de contribucione Glaston'
de anno Domini millesimo ccccxiij^o quia nimis oneratur in registro.

Item petit allocacionem de .ix.s. x d. de contribucione triennali
abbatis de Athelneye de anno M^o. ccccxiij^o causa ut supra.

Item petit allocacionem de cv.s. x.d. ob. de antiquis debitibus cum
contribucione ob. de marca de anno m^o. ccccxij^o. allocatis abbati de
Burton' pro expensis factis circa visitacionem abbatis Cestrie.

Item petit allocacionem de l.s. de multis aretro existent' pro defectu
scolarium de anno Domini millesimo ccccvij^o allocatis abbati de
Perschore per dominum abbatem de Bury tunc presidentem.

Item solutum clericu facienti hunc compotum vj.s. viij d.

Item in pergamenio et papero emptis ij.s.

Item petit allocacionem de .ix.s. x d. de contribucione ob. de marca
abbatis de Athelneye anno m^occccxij^o quia nimis oneratur.

Item petit allocacionem de xvij.li. ij.d. ob. de excessu ultimi compoti
capituli precedentis.

Item petit allocacionem de xxiiij li. xvij s. vj.d liberatis Iohanni
Whatnamstede priori studencium Oxon' pro reparacione porte et
clausure mans' in Gloucestre college.

Summa lvij.li. xvij.s. vj.d. ob.

Solic[iones] forinc[ece]

Solutum domino abbatи sancti Edmundi de Burgo et domino priori
Wygorn' procuratoribus nostri ordinis existentibus in generali con-
silio tento apud Constanciam c. marc.

Item magistro Iohanni Wynchecomb' utriusque iuris bacallario
procuratori ordinis nostri in predicto sacro consilio xx li.

Summa iiij xxxvj.li. xiiij.s. iiij.d.

[left margin .] iiij xxxvj.li. xiiij.s. iiij.d.

Custus capelle Oxon'

In expensis factis circa novam capellam Oxon' in collegio nigrorum
monachorum c.li. xj.s. ij.d. ob.

Summa c.li. xj.s. ij.d. ob.

Summa omnium expensarum et liberacionum cum allocacionibus
ccxlvi.li. iij.s. j.d.

Et debet. lxvij.li. xvij s. ij.d. ob. q.

De quibus allocantur eidem pro excessu abbatis de Eynesham
acquietando viij.li. viij.s. xj.d. ob. di. q.

Et allocantur abbati de Alcestr' de diversis arreragiis suis oneratis
in compoto precedenti xxiiij.li. ix.s. iiij.d. ob. q.

Et allocantur eidem pro antiquis arreragiis pendentibus super abbatem Cestrie condonatis per presidentes xxv.li. xiiij.s. x d. ij. part' q.

Et sic debet xj.li. v.s. j.d. q. di. ij. part' q.

Debita antiqua tam de contribucionibus quam de multis pendentia super diversos abbates et priores de diversis annis, quorum nomina, anni et summe patent supra in titulo de antiquis debitibus pendentibus super diversos de arreragiis etc' videlicet super :—

Abbatem de Evesham pro multis aretro ut patet in eodem titulo x li.

[Abbatem Cestrie pro multis et contrib. ut patet in titulo predicto xxv li. xiiij s. x.d. ij part. q.]

Glastonbury — contrib. — £5.6. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Gloucester — contrib. — 2.8. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Tewkesbury — contrib. — 1.9.10 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Shrewsbury — pro multis et contrib. — 45.9.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.

[Athelney — contrib. — 0.1. 3.]

[Alcester — contrib. — 19.2.11 $\frac{1}{4}$.]

Coventry — pro contrib. diversorum annorum — 21.2.9 $\frac{3}{4}$.

[left margin :] < cxxxli xv s. iiiij d. ob. >

Summa *[cxxxli. xiiij s. j.d. ob.]*

< iiiijxxv li. xv.s. vj.d. ob. q. >

Debita contribucionis ob. de marca de tribus annis proximis precedentibus videlicet :

Abbas de Tavestoke debet pro eadem contribuzione per idem tempus xxxix s.

Burton — £1.8.10 $\frac{1}{2}$.

*Alcester — *[5.3.8 $\frac{1}{4}$]* < 0.17.3 $\frac{1}{4}$ >*

Bath — 1.7.0.

[left margin :] ix.li. xvij.s. vj.d. ob. q.

Summa *[ix.li. xvij.s. vj.d. ob. q.]* iiiij.li. v.s. j.d. ob. q.

Summa omnium debitorum predictorum *[cxl li. xij s. viij d.]*

iiiijxx x li. viij d. ob. q. di.

Et sic excedit *[lxxj li. xiiij s. v d. ob.]*

lxxvij li. xv s. vj d. ob.

[left margin :]

Totalis horum debitorum coniunctorum cxlii. *[xiiij s. vj d. q.]* xij s. viij d.

Et sic excedit lxxj li. xv d. viij d. ob.

[endorsed at foot of roll :]

Compotus Willelmi abbatis de Wynchecombe auditus et determinatus anno Domini millesimo ccccxvij^o.

[endorsed at the top in a later [xvi.c.?] hand :]

Compotus contribucionis triennalis.

[317. *Account of the collector of contributions in the Northern dioceses.*
1414-17.]

Westminster Abbey Mun. 1240*r.*

Compositus Willelmi abbatis sancti Edmundi collectoris contribucionis triennalis ob. de marca imposito in capitulo generali celebrato apud Northampton' anno Domini millesimo cccc^{mo} xiiij^{mo}. in diocesibus Ebor', Lincoln', Norwic', et Elyensi auditus et determinatus in anno Domini millesimo cccc^{mo} septimo decimo.

Arreragia

Idem reddit compotum de .clv.li. v.s. x.d. ob. di. q. pendentibus in manibus non solvencium super ultimum compotum, ut patet in pede eiusdem

Summa. clv.li. v.s. x.d. ob. di. q.

Recep[io] nove contribucionis

Idem respondeat de xix.li. ix.s. ix.d. receiptis de temporalibus et spiritualibus monasterii sancti Edmundi de Bury pro tribus annis predictis.

£8. 9. 6.	— St. Albans	— 3 yrs.
12. 8. 3.	— Ramsey	— 3 yrs.
9. 0. 0.	— Peterborough	— 3 yrs.
10. 7. 3 $\frac{3}{4}$.	— York	— 3 yrs.
4. 3. 3.	— St. Benet de Hulmo	— 3 yrs.
4.12. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$.	— Selby	— 3 yrs.
1. 7. 9.	— Whitby	— 3 yrs.
3.14. 3.	— Bardney	— 3 yrs.
5.13. 3.	— Crowland	— 3 yrs.
4. 4. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$.	— Thorney	— 3 yrs.
4.10. 0.	— Eynsham	— 3 yrs.
4. 1. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$.	— Durham	— 3 yrs.
8.16. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$.	— Norwich	— 3 yrs.
12. 1. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$.	— Ely	— 3 yrs.
0.18. 0.	— Daventry	— 3 yrs.
3.16. 6.	— Bradwell	— 3 yrs.
0. 7. 6.	— Luffield	— 3 yrs.
0.15. 0.	— Up-Holland	— 3 yrs.
4.10. 0.	— Spalding	— 3 yrs.
0. 1. 8 $\frac{1}{4}$.	— Snelleshale	— 3 yrs.

Summa cxxij.li. ix.s. iij.d. ob. q. di. q.

Summa totalis recept' cum arreragiis cclxxvij.li. xv.s. iii.d. ob.

Excessus

De quibus solutum pro excessu ultimi compoti acquietand', ut patet in pede eiusdem. xxij.li. xv.j.s. xj.d. di. q.

Summa. xxij.li. xv.j.s. xj.d. di. q.

Expense

In papiro et pergamino emptis vj.d.

Item liberatum domino abbati de Wynchecomb pro nova capella Oxon' perficienda per manus abbatis de Bury sancti Edmundi xiiij.li.

Item per manus abbatis sancti Albani viij.li. xiiij.s.

Item per manus abbatis sancti Petri de Burgo. vj.li. xvij s. x d. q.

Item per manus abbatis Ebor'. x.li vij.s. iij.d. q. di. q.

Item per manus abbatis sancti Benedicti. iiiij.li. iijs. iij.d.

Item per manus abbatis de Selby. xl.s.

Item per manus abbatis de Eynesham. ix.li.

Item per manus prioris Norwic'. vij.li. iijs. iij.d.

Item liberatum eidem domino abbati de Wynchecombe. xxiiij.li. xvij.s. vj.d.

Item liberatum domino abbati Westmon' per manus abbatis de Selby. iiiij.li. xij.s.

Item liberatum priori Elyensi pro novo manso Cantabrigg' per warantum domini abbatis Westmon'. xi.li. xxiiij.d. ob.

Item dat' *[monacho]* dompno Thome Wynchecombe et servientibus suis venientibus usque Bury pro diversis acquetancis ibidem habendis. x s.

Item in allocatione facta abbati de Bury pro ij.¹ contribucionibus ¹ < ob de marca > eo quod nimis oneratur < videlicet > de ij.s. vj.d. ob. q. in ¹ utraque contribucione ¹ v.s. ob.

Item allocatur eidem pro expensis dompni R. Wesenham capellani sui venientis ad istud *[comptotum]* capitulum pro isto compoto reddendo et pro diversis aliis expensis et misis factis per eundem abbatem necnon pro rewardo clerici facientis predictum comptotum *[iiij.li.]* < xl.s. >

Item allocatur priori de Daventre pro contribucione sua ex speciali gratia dominorum presidencium. iiij.s. viij.d.

< Summa ciiij.li. xiij.s. ij.d. ob. et di. q. >

[left margin :]*[summa. cxxix.li. xj.s. ij.d. ob. q.]*

[summa cvj.li. xiiij.s. ij.d. ob. et di. q.]

< Summa omnium expensarum et liberacionum cxxxvij.li xj.s. j d. ob. q.

Et sic debet clj.li. iiij.s. j.d. ob. q.

De quibus allocatur eidem pro priore de Bury uno diffinitorum de mandato presidencum xx.s.

Et Roberto Wesnam pro labore suo de gracia presidencium xiij.s. viij.d. di. q.

Et sic debet cxlix.li. ix.s. v.d. di. q >

¹⁻¹ over erasure.

Debita pendencia super diversos de antiquis arveragiosis diversorum annorum precedencium superius onerat' et non dum levat'.

Sancti Albani

Abbas ibidem debet pro quadrante de libra remanenti anno Domini millesimo cccc^o.ij^{do}. iiij.s. iiij.d.

Idem debet pro denario de libra remanenti anno Domini millesimo cccc^o. v^{to}. ix.s.

Idem debet pro quadrante de marca remanenti anno Domini millesimo. cccc^o. viij^o. v.s.

Idem debet pro ob. de marca remanenti anno Domini millesimo. cccc^o. xiiij^o. xvij.s. vj.d.

Summa xxxiiij.s. x.d.

Ramisie

1d/ $\frac{f}{s}$ — 1405 — £4.19.9.

$\frac{1}{4}$ d/mark — 1408 — 6. 4.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d/ $\frac{f}{s}$ — 1411 — 8. 5.8

$\frac{1}{2}$ d/mk — 1414 — nil.

Summa xix.li. ix.s. vj.d. ob.

De Burgo sancti Petri

$\frac{1}{4}$ d/ $\frac{f}{s}$ — 1402 — £0.14. 0.

1d/ $\frac{f}{s}$ — 1405 — 2.16.10.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d/ $\frac{f}{s}$ — 1411 — 1. 0. 0.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d/mk — 1414 — 2. 2. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$.

Summa vj.li. xij.s. xj.d. ob. q.

Whyteby

1d/ $\frac{f}{s}$ — 1405 — £1.17.0.

Bardeneye

$\frac{1}{4}$ d/ $\frac{f}{s}$ — 1390 — £2. 9.6.

1d/ $\frac{f}{s}$ — 1405 — 4.19.0.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d/mk — 1408 — 1.17.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d/ $\frac{f}{s}$ — 1411 — 2. 9.6.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d/mk — 1414 — 3.14.3

Summa xv.li. ix.s. iiij.d. ob.

Crowlond

$\frac{1}{4}$ d/mk — 1408 — — £2.16.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d/mk — 1414 — 5.13.3.

Summa viij.li. ix.s. x.d. ob.

Selby

$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$ — 1414 — ultra £4.11.0 solut' abbati Westmon' — £0.1.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.
plus in dorso

[dorso]

Thorneye [?]

$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$ — 1408 — £0.15.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/\xi$ — 1411 — 2.16.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/mk$ — [1414] — 4.3.6 $\frac{3}{4}$.
 Summa viij.li. x[. . .].s. [. . .] ob.

Norwic' [?]

$\frac{1}{2}d/\xi$ — 1402 — £0.10.1.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/\xi$ — 1405 — 2.0.4.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/mk$ — 1408 — 0.11.7 $\frac{5}{8}$.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/\xi$ — 1411 — 1.0.2.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/mk$ — 1414 — 1.13.6 $\frac{3}{4}$.
 Summa cxv.s. ix.d. q. di.

Bradewell'

$\frac{1}{2}d/\xi$ — 1402 — £1.4.9.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/\xi$ — 1405 — 4.19.0.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/mk$ — 1408 — 1.17.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/\xi$ — 1411 — 2.9.6.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/mk$ — 1414 — 3.16.6.
 Summa xiiij.li. vj.s. x.d. ob.

Holond

$\frac{1}{2}d/\xi$ — ix annorum scilicet de annis Domini 1372, 1375, 1378 — £.1.10.0.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/mk$ — 1381 ¹ — 0.7.6.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/\xi$ — 1384 ² — 0.10.0.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/\xi$ — 1402 — 0.5.0.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/\xi$ — 1405 — 1.0.0.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/mk$ — 1408 — 0.7.6.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/\xi$ — 1411 — 0.10.0.
 $\frac{1}{2}d/mk$ — 1414 — 0.15.0.
 Summa cv.s.

Spaldyng

$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$ — 1414 — £4.10.0.
 Summa veterum debitorum pendencium
 iiiijxxij.li. viij.s.*[iiij.d. ob. q. di.]* < v.d. et di. q.>

¹ lxxxxjth MS.² lxxxxiiijth MS.

Debita multarum pendencia super diversos prelatos pro diversis annis precedentibus superius onerata et nondum levata.

Abbas de Bardeneye debet pro multis anno Domini millesimo ccc^o*[lxxxvij^o]* < lxxxx^o. > xvij.li.

Idem debet pro multis anno Domini millesimo ccc^o.lxxxxix^o. c.s.
Summa xxij.li.

Prior de Holond debet pro multis anno Domini millesimo ccc^o. lxxxvij^o. vj.s. viij.d.

Idem debet pro multis anno Domini millesimo ccc^o. lxxxx^o vj.s. viij.d.

Idem debet pro multis anno Domini millesimo cccc^o. viij^o. xx.s.
Summa xxxiij.s. iiiij.d.

Summa multarum xxij.li. xij.s. iij.d.

Nomina non solvencium contribuciones triennal[is] collecte ob. de marca impositae in ultimo generali capitulo.

Abbas sancti Albani debet pro tribus annis ultra vij.li. xij.s. solutos xvij.s. vj.d.

Abbas sancti Petri de Burgo debet ultra vj li. xvij s. x.d. q. solutos xlij.s. j.d. ob. q.

Abbas de Selby debet ultra xl.s. solutos lij.s. vij.d. ob.

Abbas de Wheteby debet xxvij.s. ix.d.

Abbas de Bardeneye debet lxxiiij.s. iiij.d.

Abbas de Crowlond debet cxijj s. iiij.d.

Abbas de Thorneye debet iiij.li. iiij.s. vj.d. ob. q.

Prior Dunolmie debet iiij.li. xvij.d. ob. q.

Prior Norwic' debet ultra vij.li. iiij.s. iiij.d. solutos xxxiij.s. vj.d. ob. q.

Prior de Daventre debet nichil

Prior de Bradewell debet lxxvj.s. vj d.

Prior de Luffeld debet nichil

Prior de Holond debet xv.s.

Prior de Spaldyng debet iiij.li. x.s.

Prior de Snelleshale debet nichil

Summa xxxv.li. vij.s. viij.d. ob.

Summa omnium debitorum coniunctim cxlix.li. ix.s. v.d. ob. et di.q.

*[Et adhuc debet. xxxiij.s. viij.d. et di. q.]

De quibus allocatur eidem pro priore de Bury [uno?] diffinitorum de mandato presidencium xx.s.

Et allocatur Roberto Wisnam pro eius labore de gracia presidencium xijj.s. viij.d. di q.]*

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< Cancellatur quia allocatur inferius >

[318. *Account of the collector of contributions in the Southern dioceses.*
1417-20.]

Westminster Abbey. Mun. 12397.

Comptus Willelmi abbatis Westmon' collectoris contribucionis triennalis iij den. de libra imposito in capitulo generali apud Norhampton' celebrato anno Domini millesimo cccc xvij^{mo} in diocesibus Cantuar', London', Roffensi, Cicestrensi, Winton' et Sar' videlicet de ij d. solvendis citra festum pasche proxime sequens prefatum capitulum et j.d. solvendo anno sequenti citra idem festum et j.d. solvendo anno tercio citra idem festum, auditus et terminatus in anno Domini millesimo cccc xxmo.

Arreragia

Et oneratur de iij^{xx} iiiij.li. xvi.s. x.d. qua. de denaris pendentibus super diversis, ut patet in respectu in ultimo compoto

Summa iij^{xx} iiiij.li. xvij.s. x d. q.

De abbate Westmon' pro contribucione predicta per tres annos xxij.li. iiiij.s. iiiij.d.

St. Augustine's Canterbury—£20.13.4.

Malmesbury — 6. 0.0.

Abingdon — 15. 7.8.

Reading — 15.17.0.

Hyde — 9.15.4.

Battle — 13. 6.8.

Colchester — 4.13.4.

Walden — 5. 6.8.

Chertsey — 3.12.2.

Faversham — 5. 0.0.

Abbotsbury — 2. 5.4.

Cerne — 3. 6.8.

Milton — 2.19.4.

Sherborne — 3. 8.2.

St. Swithun's [Winchester] — 16.10.4.

Rochester — 4.18.8.

Dover — 4. 8.0.

Colne — 2. 5.4.

Hatfield Broadoak — 2.0.0.

Summa clxij.li xvij s. iiiij.d. probatur.

Receptum de domino abbe de Bury ut per manus domini abbatis sancti Albani xv.li. xvij.d.

Receptum de domino abbe de Wynchecombe per manus domini abbatis de Cestr' viij.li.

Summa xxij.li. xvij.d.

Summa cclxxj.li. xvij.s. vj.d. q. probatur

In excessu ipsius abbatis Westmon' collectoris acquietandi, ut patet
in pede compoti sui ad ultimum capitulum redditu cccxvij.li. ix.s. ij.d.
ob. q. d.

In allocacione ipsius abbatis pro officio presidentis hoc anno c.s.

Et solutum domino abbati de Walden' pro officio diffinitoris ad
ultimum capitulum et ibidem non allocatum xx s.

Et solutum priori sancti Andree Norhampton' de gracia ¹ una cum
regardis factis pulsatoribus ad ultimum capitulum et < ibidem non
alloc' > l.s

Et solutum magistro Iohanni Hynton monacho Ebor' predicanti
in Anglico in ecclesia omnium sanctorum Norhampton' ultra xiij.s. iiiij.d.
solutos per dominum abbatem Wynchecombe xiij.s. iiiij.d.

Et solutum fratri Thome Ledbury monacho Wigorn' in parte soluci-
onis de x.li. ei concessis per presidentes pro expensis suis in eundo et
redeundo Constanciam in negotiis ordinis nostri et ambassiatorum
dicti ordinis, unde super abbatem de Bury c.s., et super abbatem de
Wynchecumbe l.s. l.s

Et solutum fratri Iohanni Whethampsted nuper priori studencium
pro parte reparacionis clausure et reparacionis de Gloucestre colege
Oxonie lxvij.s. vj d.

Et solutum fratri Thome Ledbury priori studencium pro parte
reparacionis de Gloucestre colege x.li.

Et solutum fratri Iohanni Whethampsted incipienti in theologia et
fratri Iohanni Hatfeld incipienti in decretis vj.li. xiij.s. iiiij.d.

Et in denariis condonatis priori Dovorie de arreragiis suis per abbatem
Westmon' presidentem, eo quod pauper est iiiij.li. xix.s.

Et in denariis condonatis eidem priori per presidentem ² et capi-
tulum ² de quadam multa super ipsum imposita < anno Domini
M'cccc viij^o > c.s.

Et in denariis liberatis domino priori Wigornie pro parte expensarum
suarum in concilio Constancensi xxxiiij.li. xi.s. ix.d. ob.

In rewardo facto magistro Roberto Rosemund notario publico facienti
instrumenta, citaciones et literas missivas dominis abbatibus pro
custodia ordinis per tres annos predictos lxvj.s. viij.d.

In pergamo papero emptis cum diversis expensis nunciorum mis-
sorum ad diversos abbates et priores pro contribucionibus levandis xxij.s.

In expensis fratris Edmondi Kyrtton monachi Westmonasterii cum
duobus servientibus equitantibus a Westmonasterio usque Walden,
Bur^y et Norwyche per x dies pro negociis expediendis xl.s.

In expensis Iohannis Clerk cum uno equo conducto equitantis usque
Eboracum et abhinc usque Dunolmiam per xvij dies in negotiis dicti
ordinis expediendis xxj.s. iij.d.

Et in denariis condonatis abbati de Bello de antiquis arreragiis suis
de assensu tocius capitulo xvij s. v.d. ob.

¹ interlined, over consuetudine struck through.

²⁻² interlin.

Item in rewardo facto clericō facienti istum compotum vj.s. viij.d.

Summa¹

Summa omnium expensarum et solucionum ccccj li. viij.s. iij.d.
ob. q. di.

Et excedit cxxix.li. xj.s. ix.d. ob. et di. q.

Postea allocantur eidem c.s. pro expensis fratris Willelmi Amodes-
ham equitantis pro diversis negotiis tangentibus abbatii Cestrie.

Et eidem xxvj.s. viij.d. perdonat' abbatii de Walden de gracia presi-
dentum pro officio definitoris.

Et allocantur eidem xl.s. soluti magistro Iohanni Dudleye pro
officio diffinitoris.

Et allocantur eidem lxvj.s. viij.d. soluti fratri Thome Ledbury priori
studencium pro laboribus et expensis suis < eundo > London' ad
audienciam domini regis pro negociis ordinis.

Et allocantur eidem x.li. soluti fratri Ricardo Harwden precepto
presidencium pro bono labore suo pro certis negociis expediendis
versus dominum regem.

Et allocantur eidem de denariis solutis priori Wigorn' pro < parte >
expensarum suarum in concilio Constanciensi ultra lxvj.li. xvij.s. v.d.
ob. antea solutos per ij vices lvij.li. xvij.d ob.

*[Et allocantur eidem de denariis solutis eidem priori pro expensis
factis in concilio Constanciensi. ix.li.]²

Et allocantur eidem de denariis solutis eidem priori pro parte officii
presidensie c.s.

Et allocantur eidem de denariis solutis priori Westmonasterii pro
officio diffinitoris xx.s.

Summa allocacionum iujxxxij.li.³ xijj.s. x.d. ob.

Et sic excedit cxxxiij.li.⁴ vj.s. viij.d. di. q.

Et postea allocantur eidem de denariis solutis Edmundo Kyrton
pro expensis suis [.]⁵ ab Oxonia usque London' per ij.
vices c.s.

Et sic excedit nunc [.]⁵ vj.s. viij.d. et di q.

Vertite quia plus [.]⁵

[verso]

Debita antiqua pendencia super diversos ad clausum ultimi compotij.

*[+ Abbas sancti Augustini debet de arreragis de ultimo compoto x.li.

+ Malmesbury — ditto — £3.7.6.

+ Abingdon — ditto — 5.0.0.

+ Hyde — ditto — 5.9.10 $\frac{1}{2}$.

+ Abbas de Bello debet de arreragis antiquis ut patet in ultimo
compoto xvij.s. v.d. ob.

¹ blank—apparently erased.

² struck through, and quia in compoto precedenti interl

³ corrected to v.li. ⁴ corrected to xv li. ⁵ Tear in parchment.

- + Idem abbas debet de arreragiis de duobus capitulis proxime precedentibus ix.li. xj.s. viij.d.
- + Abbas de Walden debet de arreragiis ultimi compoti xx.s.
- + Chertsey — ditto — £2.0.7*l*.
- + Abbotsbury — ditto — 0.17.0.
- + St. Swithun's — ditto — 9.5.10*l*.
- + Dover — ditto — 4.19.0.
- + Idem prior debet de arreragiis de quadam multa sibi imposita c.s.]*
Prior de Colne debet de arreragiis ultimi compoti xiij.s. ix.s. iiij.d.
Hatfield Broadoak — ditto — £12.18.6.

Nomina non solvencum contribucionis¹ de tribus annis proxime precedentibus iiii. den. de libra.

Abbas sancti Augustini debet ultra vj.li. xiij.s. iiiij.d. solutos xv.li. xj.s.²

[Abbas de Malmesburȝ debet ultra vj.li. solutos priori Wigornie nil]
Abbas de Abyndon debet ultra xj.li. x.s. ix.d. solutos lxxvj.s. xj.d.
[Abbas de Hýda debet ultra ix.li. xv.s. iiij.d.² solutos priori Wigornie nil.]

Abbas de Bello debet pro tribus annis precedentibus vij.li. xvij.s. iiij.d.

Abbas de Colchestrē debet ultra lxx s. solutos xxuij.s. iiiij.d.

[Abbas de Walden debet ultra iiii.li. solutos xxvj.s. viij.d.]

[Abbas de Chertesey ultra xxxvj.s. j.d. solutos xxxvi.s. j.d.]

Abbas de Feversham debet pro tribus annis precedentibus c.s.

[Abbas de Abbottesburȝ debet ultra xl.v.s. iiiij.d. solutos priori Wigornie nil.]

[Abbas de Cerne debet ultra lxvj.s. viij.d. solutos priori Wigornie nil.]

[Abbas de Milton debet ultra lix.s. iiiij.d. solutos priori Wigornie nil.]

[Abbas de Shyrbourne debet ultra xxxiiij.s. j.d. solutos abbati Westmon' et ultra xxxiiij.s. j.d. solutos priori Wigornie.] nil.

[Prior sancti Swithuni debet pro tribus annis precedentibus xvij li. x.s. iiiij.d.]

Prior Roffensis debet ultra lxxiiij.s. solutos xxiiij.s. viij.d.

Prior Dovorie debet ultra xlij.s. iiiij.d. solutos xluij.s. viij.d.

Prior de Colne debet pro iij^{bis} annis precedentibus xl v.s. iiij.d.

Prior de Hatfeld Brodeok debet pro tribus annis precedentibus xl.s.

[left margin :] xlj.li. iiiij.s. iiij.d.

Preteria respectantur eidem de antiquis arreragiis pendentibus super priores de Colne et Hatfeld Brodeok xxvij.li. viij.s. x.d.

Et preteria respectantur eidem de denariis pendentibus super

¹ sic.

² this and the following sums apparently added.

Debita antiqua

< de cetero fiant arreragia in primo loco rotuli >
 De domino abbatte sancti Augustini xv.li. xj.s.
 De domino abbate Abyngdonie lxxvj.s. xj.d.
 De domino abbate de Bello viij.li. xvij.s. iiij.d.
 De domino abbate de Colchester xxijj.s. iiij.d.
 De domino abbate de Feverysham c s.
 De domino priore Roffensi xxijj.s. viij.d.
 De domino priore Dovorie xlviij.s. viij.d.
 De domino priore de Colne xv.li. xiiij.s viij.d
 De domino priore de Hatfeld Broodok xiij.li. xvij.s. vj.d.
 Summa lxvij.li. xij.s. j.d.

Recept[a] forins[eca]

Receptum de domino abbatte de Bury ut per manus abbatis sancti Albani iiij.li. xvij.s. viij.d.
 Receptum de domino abbatte de Wynchecombe ut per manus abbatis de Cestria iiij.li. x.s.
 Summa <ix.li. viij.s. viij.d>
 Summa totalis recept' clxx.li. v.s v.d. q.

[right margin :] <clxx.li. v.s. v.d. q.>

In excessu ipsius abbatis Westmon' collectoris acquietandi, ut patet in pede compoti ad ultimum capitulum redditu ccnij^{xx} viij.li. xvij.s. ix.d. et di q.

Et liberatum fratri Thome Ledbery priori studencium Oxonie pro ¹ fabricacione coquine cum tribus cameris < anexis et aliis > ² ibidem precepto ¹ domini Willelmi abbatis Westmon' tunc presidentis vij.li. iiij.s. iiiij.d.

Et liberatum fratri Thome Evesham monacho de Malmesbury pro [? incepcio]ne ³ eiusdem Thome in facultate iuris canonici vj.li. xiiij.s. iiiij.d.

Et liberatum fratri Roberto priori Westmon' de denariis sibi assignatis [. . .] ³ capitulo post clausum compoti per reverendum in Christo patrem priorem Wygorn' tunc presidentem, ut patet per war[entam.] ³ sigillo dicti presidentis sigillatam iiij.li.

Et liberatum fratri Thome Stanton' monacho Radyngye pro denariis sibi assignatis in ultimo capitulo post clausum compoti per reverendum in Christo patrem priorem Wygorn' tunc presidentem, ut patet per warentam sigillo dicti presidentis sigillatam xx.s.

Et in denariis allocatis domino abbati de Abyndonia pro diversis concernentibus mansum et capellam nostri ordinis in Stokewellestret Oxonie, ut patet per eandem warentam lxxvj.s xj.d.

Et in denariis liberatis fratri Iohannis Dodle suppriori Wygorn' de

¹⁻¹ perhaps over erasure.

² interlin.

³ damaged

denariis sibi assignatis in capitulo tento apud Norhampton anno Domini M° cccc^{mō} xvij^o. per Willelmum tunc abbatem Westmon' et Willelmum tunc abbatem Wynchecombye tunc presidentes adhuc nondum allocatis, ut patet per eandem warentam xl.s.

In pergameno et papiro emptis cum diversis expensis nunciorum missis ad diversos abbates et priores pro contribucione levanda xx s.

In rewardo facto clero facienti istum compotum vj.s. viij.d.

Et liberatum dominis abbatis de sancto Albano et de Glastonia euntibus ad concilium generale < Paviente > xv.li. vij.s. ix.d.

In expensis fratris Rogeri Cretton monachi Westmon' venientis usque Norhampton pro isto compoto reddendo xiiij.s. iiij.d.

[right margin :] < cccxxxj.li. xiij.d. di .q. >

< Et excedit clx.li. xv.s. viij.d ob. q. di. q. >

Summa excess' et omnium expensarum cccxxxj.li. xiij.d. di. q.

Et excedit clx li. xv.s. viij.d. ob. q. di. q.

Postea allocatur eidem computanti xiij.li. xv.s. j.d., ut in solucione facta magistro Iohanni Salforde ad suam incepctionem, in partem solucionis xx.li. ex precepto presidentium super finem huius compoti allocat'.

Et sic excedit nunc clxxiiij.li. x.s. viij.d. ob. q. di.

Postea allocatur eidem computanti xiij.s. iiij.d., quos presidentes donaverunt abbati de Alcestre pro suis expensis causa eius paupertatis ex consideracione dictorum presidencium.

Et allocatur eidem computanti xij.li. x.s. pro solucione facienda magistro Willemo Northwyche ad suam incepctionem in theologia ultra tantam summam pro eodem allocatam in compoto abbatis sancti Edmundi ex precepto dictorum presidencium super finem huius compoti allocat'.

¹ < Et allocatur computanti lxxv.s. x.d. ut in solucione facta magistro Thome Clare pro regencia sua apud Oxoniam per viij annos in partem sue remuneracionis per dictos presidentes super finem huius compoti assignat'.

Et allocatur eidem computanti xvij.li ij.d. de arreragiis prioris de Colne de diversis contribucionibus super ipsum ad diversa capitula pendencia imposit' et ² ordinacione presidencium in pleno capitulo.

Et allocatur erdem computanti lx.s. ut in rewardo facto fratri Edmundo Kyrton pro diversis custibus et expensis suis ad diversas partes in certis negociis pro statu ordinis ex assignacione presidencium alloc'.

Et sic excedit iam ccxij.li. x.s. ob. q. et di >¹

[at the foot of the roll :]

clar' excess' ccxvij.li. xxij.d. ob. q. di.

¹⁻¹ perhaps in another hand.

² sic, for ex?

[verso :]

Debita antiqua pendencia super diversos ad clausum ultimi compoti.

Abbas sancti Augustini nichil.
 Abbas de Abyndon nichil.
 Abbas de Bello nichil.
 Abbas de Colchestria xxij.s. iiiij d.
 Abbas de Feveresham nichil.
 Prior Roffensis nichil.
 Prior Dovorie xluij.s. viij d.
 Prior de Colne xvij.li. xiiij s viij.d.
 Prior de Hatfeld Brodoek xiiij.li.
 Summa xvij.li. vj.s. vj.d.

Nomina non solvencium contribucion[em] de tribus annis proxime precedentibus obil' de marca.

Abbas sancti Augustini nichil.
 Abbas de Malmesbury nichil.
 Abbas de Abyndon nichil.
 [Abbas de Redyng' [.] xs. ob.]
 Abbas de Hyda nichil.
 Abbas de Bello nichil.
 Abbas de Colchestria lij.s. [.]
 Abbas de Walden' nichil.
 Abbas de Chertesey nichil.
 Abbas de Feversham nichil.
 Abbas de Abbottysbury nichil.
 Abbas de Cerne nichil.
 Abbas de Mylton nichil.
 Abbas de Shyrbourne nichil.
 Prior sancti Swythuni nichil.
 Prior Roffensis nichil.
 Prior Dovorie xlix.s. vj.d.
 [Prior de Colne xxv.s. vj.d.]
 Prior de Hatfeld Broodok xxij.s. vj.d.
 Summa < vj.li. iiiij.s. vj.d. >¹

[right margin :] < viij.li. ix.s. v.d. ob. >

Summa totalis respect' < xxiiij.li. xij.s. >¹
 Et sic computans excedit clare cxxxxvij.li. xij.d. ob. q. di. q.
 Que summa debetur debitoribus subscriptis videlicet
 Priori Wygorn' xxx.li. vij.s. vj.d.
 Abbatii Cestrie viij.li. x.s.

¹ over erasures.

Magistro Willelmo Nortwych xij.li. x.s.

Magistro Thome Clare lxxv.s. x.d

Priori Westmon' c.s.

Edmundo Kyrtone' lx s.

Fratri Rogero Cretton monacho Westmon' xiiij li. x.s. v d. q

Abbatii Westmon' clxj.li. viij s. iiij.d. ob. di. q.

< Memorandum de vj li. xiiij.s. iiij d. assignatis ¹ <per dominos
presidentes > ¹ magistro Thome Clare pro regencia sua per septennium
Oxonie ultra lxxv.s. x.d. superius allocatos *[de]*que ideo petatur
allocari in proximo compoto.>

[320. Account (incomplete) of the general collector of contributions.
1486-92.]

² Shirburn Castle Municments, 83 c.

Compositus venerabilis patris Ricardi Kyderminstur ³ abbatis ecclesie
monasterii beate Marie virginis et sancti Kenelmi Winchecomb' col-
lectoris generalis contribucionum triennalium ut unius denarii de
marca ⁴ imposit' per presidentes ⁵ et alios venerabiles patres abbates
in capitulo generali apud Northampton' celebrato anno Domini
millesimo cccciiij^{xxvij^{to}}. Qui quidem compotus fuit auditus et deter-
minatus coram auditoribus assignatis apud Northampton' predict'
anno Domini millesimo cccciiij^{xxxij^{mo}}, et anno regni regis Henrici
septimi post conquestum Anglie septimo: domino Willelmo abbe
sancti Edmundi de Bury ⁶ tunc principale presidente ⁷ existente.

Arreragia antiqua.

Idem reddit compotum de lxxv.li v.s. v d. q. per ipsum receptis de
arreragiis diversorum abbatum et priorum predicti ordinis ab antiquo
remanentibus prout particulariter patet in diversis compotis pre-
cedentibus et in dorso huius compoti plenius liquet.⁸

Summa lxxv.li. v.s. v.d. q.

Arreragia ultimi compoti

Et de lxij.li. xvij.s. ij.d. ob. q. per ipsum receptis de arreragiis
diversorum abbatum et priorum predicti ordinis remanentibus ad
levandum, ut patet in pede ultimi compoti huius officii apud North-
ampton' determinati, scilicet anno Domini millesimo cccciiij^{xx} vj^{to},

¹⁻¹ interlin

² a paper roll, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ × 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

³ abbot 1488-1525

⁴ marcia MS.

⁵ precedentes MS

⁶ sic: this does not agree with the accepted succession of abbots: Thomas
Ratlisden, 1479-97; William Codenham, 1497-1513 (*Monasticon*, III, 115;
Arnold, *Mem. of St. Edmunds*, III, xxxiv).

⁷ precedente MS.

⁸ these are not to be found on the dorse.

prout in eodem compoto plenius continetur, unde fiat levacio de
eisdem etc'

Summa lxij.li. xvij.s. ij.d. ob. q.

Receptiones contribucionum et quote hurus compoti

Et de D^cxvij.li. xvij s. viij.d. ob. q. per ipsum receptis de contribucione
trienali unius denarui de marca secundum registrum domini regis dicto
collectorii ad ultimum capitulum liberatum, ut de venerabilibus patribus
subsequentibus quorum nomina et denariorum summe plenius patet
inferius etc videlicet :

[col. i.]

- De abbate sancti Albani xvij li xix s.
- De abbate sancti Edmundi de Buri xxix.li. ij.s. iiij.d. q.
- De abbate Cestrie ix.li. [. . .]¹
- De abbate Malmesbury vj.li. [. . .]¹
- De abbate de Ramseye xxiiij.li. xvij s. vj.d.
- De abbate beate Marie Ebor' xx li. xiiiij s. vj.d. ob. q.
- De abbate Gloucestr' ix.li. xij.d.
- De abbate de Hyda x.li. xix s. ix d
- De abbate sancti Benedicti viij li vj s. vj d.
- De abbate de Selbye ix li. v.s. iiij.d.
- De abbate de Salopia iiiij.h. xij.s. x.d. ob
- De abbate de Walden' vj.li.
- De abbate de Crownde xj.li. vj s. vj d.
- De abbate de Chertesey iij.h. xv.d.
- De abbate de Tavestoke lvj s. ix.d.
- De abbate de Eynesham ix.li.
- De abbate de Abbottesbury li s.
- De abbate de Pershore lxvij.s. x.d. ob.
- De abbate de Michelney xxxvij.s. ix.d.
- De abbate de Athelney xl.s. j.d. ob.
- De priore Christi Cantuar' nil.
- De priore sancti Swithini Wynton' xvij. li. xj.s. viij.d. ob.
- De priore Wigorn' vj.li. iij.s.
- De priore Coventrie vj li. iij.s ix.d.
- De priore Roffensi cxj.s.
- De priore de Daventr' xxxvj s.
- De priore de Culne nil.
- De priore de Luffelde xv.s.
- De priore de Pulla in Wallia nil.
- De priore de Hatfelde Broodook xl.v.s.
- De priore minoris Malvernus xvij.s. ij.d. ob.
- De priore de Snellehale iij.s. ij d. ob.

¹ blotted.

[col. 2:]

De priore de Canewell vij.s. vj.d.
 De abbate sancti Augustini Cantuar' xxiiij.li. vj.s j.d. ob.
 De abbate Westmon' xxvij.li. xix.s. x.d. ob.
 De abbate de Evesham cxij.s. x.d. ob.
 De abbate Glaston' xxix.li. ij.s. iij.d. q.
 De abbate de Burgo sancti Petri xliij.li. xvij.s. iiij.d.
 De abbate de Abbendon' xvij.li. vj.s. j.d. ob.
 De abbate de Reding xvij.li. xvij.s vij.d. ob.
 De abbate de Bello xv.li.
 De abbate de Tewkesbury ix li. ij.s iiij.d.
 De abbate de Whytby lv.s. vj.d.
 De abbate Colcestri' cv.s.
 De abbate de Bardeney viij.li. viij.s. vj.d.
 De abbate de Thorney viij.li. ix.s. j.d. ob.
 De abbate de Wynchecombe lxv s. vj.d. ob.
 De abbate de Burton lvij.s. ix.d.
 De abbate de Feversham cxij.s. vj.d.
 De abbate de Cerney lxvij.s.
 De abbate de Chybourne¹ lxxvj.s. ix.d.
 De abbate de Middleton lxvj.s. ix.d.
 De abbate de Alcestr xvij.s. iiiij.d. ob.
 De priore Dunolm' viij.li. iij.s. j.d. ob.
 De priore Norwicensi xvij.li. xij.s. vij.d. ob.
 De priore Eliensi xxiiij.li. iij.s. ix.d.
 De priore Bathon' liij.s.
 De priore de Spaldynge ix.li.
 De priore de Dovere iiiij.li. xix.s.
 De priore de Bradewell xij.s.
 De priore de Holande xxx.s.
 De priore de Berkenhed viij.li. iij.s. vij.d. ob.
 De priore de Monkeberton xvij.s.
 De priore de Sandewell vij.s.

Summa D^cxvij.li. xvij.s. vij.d. ob. q.

[the rest of the roll is blank]

¹ for Sherborne.

PART IV

PROXIES ; VISITATION CITATIONS AND CERTIFICATES, 1336-1540

These documents survive in large numbers; they are important as evidence of the continued exercise of the chapters' functions, but as they usually follow certain stereotyped forms, it seems most convenient to summarise their contents in tabular form (pp. 210-19, 236-45, 248-53), and to print a few specimens *in extenso*.

LIST OF MONASTIC REGISTERS USED IN TABLES ON PP. 210-19,
236-45, 248-53.

Battle I Brit. Mus. MS. Harleian 3586. *c.* 1351-98,
1417-35.

Bury St. Edmunds I . . . Brit. Mus. MS. Cotton, Tiberius B, IX.
Register of abbots Cratfield and Excetre.
1390-1429.

Bury St. Edmunds II . . . Brit. Mus. Add. MS. 14848. Register of
abbot Curteys, 1429-46, Part one.

Bury St. Edmunds III . . . Brit. Mus. Add. MS. 7096. Register of
abbot Curteys, Part two.

Durham I Dean and Chapter of Durham, Regis-
trum II. *c.* 1312-1401.

Durham II Durham, Reg. III. 1401-44.

Durham III Durham, Reg. IV. 1444-86.

Durham IV Durham, Reg. V. 1486-1538.

Durham V Brit. Mus. MS. Cotton, Faustina A, VI.
c. 1333-1406.

Durham VI Durham, Registrum Parvum I (or II).
1407-45.

Durham VII Durham, Reg. Parv. III. 1446-79.

Durham VIII Durham, Reg. Parv. II (or IV). 1484-1519.

Ely I Dean and Chapter of Ely, Muniments,
Register of prior Walsingham. Early
XV cent.

Evesham I Brit. Mus. MS. Cotton, Titus C, IX. Register
of abbot Bremesgrave. *c.* 1418-35.

Glastonbury I Brit. Mus. MS. Arundel 2. Register of
abbot Walter de Monyton. 1351-66.

Gloucester I Dean and Chapter of Gloucester, Muni-
ments. Register of abbot Braunche,
1500-10, and abbot Newton, 1510-?

Gloucester II-III Dean and Chapter of Gloucester, Muni-
ments. Register of abbot Malverne or
Parker, 1514-38: in two volumes.

Muchelney, I-II Brit. Mus. Add. MS. 43405 and 43406.
Muchelney Breviary.

Peterborough I Brit. Mus. Add. MS. 25, 288. Register of abbots Genge and Depyng. 1396-1438.

Peterborough II Dean and Chapter of Peterborough, Muniments. Register "Bird." 1438-96.

Reading I Salisbury Diocesan Registry. Register of Reading Abbey. c. 1425-1521.

Rochester I Brit. Mus. MS. Cotton, Faustina C, V. c. 1382-1410.

Rochester II Dean and Chapter of Rochester, Muniments, A. 4 15, part II, c. 1478-1505.

St. Albans I Cambridge University Library MS. Ee, IV, 20. Formulary of William Wyntershull. c. 1340-91.

St. Albans II (i)-(ii) *Johannis Amundesham monachi mon. S. Albani Annales* (Rolls Series), vols. I-II, printed from Brit. Mus. MS. Cotton, Claudius D, I. Acta of abbot John Whethamstede, 1421-40.

St. Albans III (i)-(ii) *Registrum Abbatarum Joh. Whethamstede, etc.* (Rolls Series). Vol. I, printed from Heralds' College MS. 3. Acta of abbot John Whethamstede, 1452-61
Vol II, printed from Bodleian MS Rawlinson B.332. Registers of abbots John Whethamstede, W. Albon, W. Walingforde, 1459-87.

Selby I Public Record Office, D.L. 42/8. c. 1342-64.

Selby II Brit. Mus. MS. Cotton, Cleopatra D, III, fo. 185-200. Fragments, c. 1377-96.

Selby III Brit. Mus. MS. Cotton, Vitellius E, XVI (burnt, but repaired). 1368-1406.

Westminster I Westminster Abbey Muniments, Reg. I.

Westminster II Westminster Abbey Muniments, Reg. II.

Winchester I Dean and Chapter of Winchester, Register I. c. 1389-1496.

Winchester II *Ibid.*, Register II 1496-1533.

Winchester III *Ibid.*, Register III. 1533-40.

Worcester I Dean and Chapter of Worcester, Liber Albus. 1301-1408, 1433-44.

Worcester II *Ibid.*, Register A, vi (1). 1458-99

Worcester III *Ibid.*, Register A, vi (2). 1499-1536.

PROXIES.

The *procuratorum* or proxy of a prelate unable to attend the provincial chapter usually contains the following clauses, the order of which may vary :

- (a) the name of the prelate ,
- (b) the cause or excuse of his absence ,
- (c) the date and place of the chapter ;
- (d) the name of the proctor or proctors ,
- (e) the powers given to the latter . usually, to appear in the chapter, to swear to the truth of the excuse (b), to deliberate with those present, and to consent to the ordinances passed. Sometimes more details are given (e.g. No. 321).
- (f) The prelate pledges himself to ratify the action of his proctor ;
- (g) date

At the chapter, the proxies were scrutinized by legal experts, and those "insufficient" were rejected. Hence the exact style was important : clause (b) was specially necessary for validity (see No. 324). The accepted form of proxy changed in the course of time : at first, it often took the form of a letter addressed to the presidents by name (e.g. No. 322) : later, from about 1370 to about 1460, it is often an open declaration, *pateat universis* ; the form of proxy expressly sanctioned in the chapter of 1423 is a good example (see Vol. II, p. 141). Finally, it was decided to revert to the practice of addressing the proxy to the presidents, probably in 1456 : for the proxy for that year in the Peterborough *Registrum Bird*, fo. 39, has, added at the top in another hand : *Ista forma dampnatur, quia incipere debet, Reverendis in Christo patribus, quod Upt'* (= apparently the scribe's signature). Accordingly, we find the proxies addressed to the presidents, at Peterborough and Worcester, from 1459, at Durham from 1468, at St. Albans and Winchester, 1471 ; examples of this type are Nos. 330, 331.

A monastery naturally employed the same stereotyped form, year after year. Thus at Durham, where the series from 1402 is remarkably complete, we find four types prevailing in succession, thus : 1402-29 | 1432-65 | 1468 | 1474-1519.

Proxies being of ephemeral interest, originals are rare : here are two examples.

(1) Westminster Abbey Mun. 9513. Proxy of the prior of Bath, 2 July, 1411; parchment, 12 in. wide \times 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; remains of seal on tongue, and tie-strip ; endorsed : *Procurator' Bathon'*. The abbot of Westminster was president in 1411, hence its chance preservation there.

(2) Durham Misc. Ch. 5268. Proxy of the abbot of Milton, 25 June, 1426; parchment, 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. wide \times 4 in.; seal tongue torn off ; two endorsements, (a) contemporary (?) : *Mylton'*; (b) late XV-XVI cent. ; 4 [38 struck through] procuratorum abbatis de Midilton pro capitulo generali 1^a 2^e ciste. The prior of Durham was president in 1426.

[321. *Proxy of the prior of Durham. 29 Aug., 1346.*]*MS. Cotton, Faustina A, VI, fo 29.**Item procuratorum ad capitulum provinciale pro priore.*

[25 Sept.] Universis Christi fidelibus presentes literas inspecturis, I[ohannes]¹ prior ecclesie Dunolm', salutem in omnium Salvatore. Ex causis legitimis inferius exprimendis, in instanti capitulo provinciali apud Northampton die Lune proximo post festum sancti Mathei apostoli proximo futurum dante Domino celebrando, coram venerabilibus patribus qui presidebunt eidem, comparere personaliter nequeentes, dilectum nobis in Christo confratrem et commonachum nostrum dominum R. de . . priorem² celle nostre sancti Leonardi prope Stanford, procuratorem nostrum, negotiorum gestorem et nuncium speciale facimus, ordinamus et constituimus per presentes, ad comparendum et interessendum nomine nostro in capitulo memorato ; dantes eidem potestatem speciale ac mandatum generale et speciale agendi, defendendi, item contestandi, nostram absenciam excusandi, et super causis excusacionis huiusmodi iurandi, necnon de calumpnia et veritate dicenda ac quodlibet genus aliud licti sacramenti in animam nostram prestandi, status nostri reformacionem ac in integrum restitucionem, ac absolucionem a quibuscumque sentencis excommunicacionis, quoctiens opus fuerit, petendi et recipiendi, provocandi et appellandi, provocacionum et appellacionum causas prosequendi, alium procuratorem in loco sui substituendi et revocandi, ac onus procuracionis in se reassumendi, ac omnibus et singulis, que de communi deliberacione pro salubri reformacione ordinis in capitulo memorato statui et ordinari continget, consciendi, ac omnia alia et singula faciendi, gerendi et exercendi, que per verum et legitimum procuratorem expediri poterunt, ac nos possemus facere, si presentes essemus, eciam si mandatum exigant speciale ; ratum et firmum sub ypoteca bonorum nostrorum omnium habituri, quicquid dictus procurator vel substitutus ab eodem in premissis duxerit faciendum. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Datum Dunolm' die xxix mensis Augusti anno Domini etc' quadragesimo sexto.

[fo. 29v.] Hec vero sunt cause de quibus superiorius mencio habebatur : Scotti igitur inimici incolarum regni Anglie | nuper partes Westmerland, que non multum distant a nostris, hostiliter sicud est notorium invadentes, in ipsis per multa miliaria circumquaque depredaciones et incendia quam plurima atrociter perpetrarunt, et sicud habet communis assercio, parent se viis et modis quibus possunt validius ad invadendum partes iterum Anglie, cum fructus suos collegerint autumpnales, et nostras precipue, quas avidius quam alias, quo nescitur instinctu, desiderant redigere in cinerem et favillam ; unde si nos ab ipsis partibus, cum nostra familia, presertim absente domino . . episcopo, cuius vices in

¹ John Fosser, 1343-74.² R. de Halden, 1346-52.

hac parte gerimus, ad tam remota duxerimus elongandos, dicti Scotti viri immisericordes et sceleratissimi, eo ipso assument, quod non est dubium, maiorem audaciam suum iniquum propositum adimplendi, ac ipsorum incuribus parcium nostrarum incolis, tanquam desolatis et acephalitis derelictis, multo minor aderit animositas repellendi, vel possibilitas resistendi, aut cum ipsis, si id coegerit necessitas, sicud aliquando fieri consuevit, rarer unanimitas componendi; unde, quod nollemus, imputabitur nobis a nostratis, et, sicud palam comminatur, coram superioribus nostris nos impetent, si eis, quod avertat Omnipotens, accidat in nostra absencia adversitas huiusmodi desolatrix.

[322. *Proxy of the abbot of Glastonbury. 6 Sept., 1360.]*

Brit. Mus. MS. Arundel 2, fo. 52v.

Procuratorium domini abbatis ad excusandum eundem in capitulo provinciali.

Venerabilibus in Christo patribus dominis . . Dei gracia sancti Albani,¹ sancte Wereburge² et Rameseye³ monasteriorum abbatis, ordinis sancti Benedicti Lincolnensis et Coventrensis et Litcheffeldensis diocesum, presidentibus capitulo provinciali nigrorum monachorum dicti ordinis in Anglia, Walterus,⁴ eiusdem permissione abbas monasterii Glaston', Bathoniensis et Wellensis diocesis, obedienciam et reverenciam cum honore. Ad excusandum nos certis et legitimis de causis, quominus in capitulo provinciali nigrorum monachorum in ecclesia sancti Andree Norhampton' die lune proximo post festum nativitatis [14 Sept.] beate Marie virginis, anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo}. lx^{mo} cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum tunc proximo sequencium per vos et ceteros prelatos dicti ordinis divina favente gracia celebrando, personaliter interesse possumus, ut vellemus, ac super eidem, si necesse fuerit, in animam nostram iurandum, necnon ad comparendum pro nobis et nomine nostro in eodem dictum consilium una vobiscum et ceteris prelatis predictis celebrandum, ac etiam super et de reformatio-
nione ordinis predicti et correccione excessum tractandum, recipien-
dum insuper quicquid in dicto capitulo super premissis et ulterius ad Dei laudem et honorem rationabiliter contigerit ordinari, et faciendum ulterius quod iusticia et huiusmodi actus natura exigunt et requirunt; dilectum nobis in Christo . . Iohannem Seen commonachum nostrum, sacre theologie professorem, cum potestate substituendi ad premissa nostrum verum et legitimum ordinamus, facimus et constituimus procuratorem, excusatorem, negotiorum gestorem et nuncium specialem: ratum habituri et gratum quicquid idem procurator seu excusator noster, substitutus ab eo nomine nostro fecerit in premissis. In

¹ Thomas de la Mare, 1349-96.

² Rich. de Seynesbury, 1349-63.

³ Rich. de Sheningdon, 1349-70.

⁴ Walter de Moniton, 1342-75.

quorum testimonium et fidem pleniorum sigillum nostrum presentibus duximus apponendum. Datum Glastonie die dominica proxima ante festum nativitatis beate Marie virginis, anno Domini supradicto.

[323. *Letter of credence, in connection with No. 322. 18 Sept., 1360.]*

Brit. Mus. MS. Arundel 2, fo. 52v.

Litera credencie domino abbati sancti Albani.

In Christo pater reverende et domine precarissime, presidiosam vestram amiciciam, quam in nostris vestri gracia et nostrorum agendis frequenter gratam reperimus et benignam, sinceris affectibus deprecamur, quatinus ad ea que predilectus commonachus noster frater Iohannes Seen lator presencium super excusacionem adventus nostri ad instans capitulum provinciale, ad quod propter adversam valitudinem et notoriam corporis debilitatem nec absque grandi corporis et imimenti periculo personaliter accedere possumus, ut vellemus, vobis referet vice nostra, aurem piam et fidem indubiam adhibere, openque et operam super eidem apponere dignetur vestra solita benignitas efficaces; sic quod reverende pater erga dicti capitulo presidentes excusari poterimus, vestris si placet mediantibus auxilio et favore. Ad laudem sui nominis pariter et religionis honorem vos diu conservet Pastor bonus. Scriptum Glastonie xvij^o die Septembris.¹ Per abbatem.

[324. *Model form of proxy for provincial chapter. c. Sept., 1361.]*

Brit. Mus. MS. Arundel 2, fo. 55v.

Procuratorum pro capitulo generali. Et nota ad hoc quod valeat, oportet causas excusacionis pretense in procuratorio exprimi, alias nullius valoris existet.

Pateat universis per presentes, quod nos .A. de B. vel de P. talis diocesis, cum causa excusacionis sufficienti et clara in procuratorio inserta, quominus in provinciali capitulo apud Northampton¹, die tali post festum tale, anno Domini etc¹, celebrando poterimus personaliter interesse, dilectum nobis in Christo fratrem .A. commonachum et confratrem nostrum, facimus, ordinamus et constituimus per presentes excusatorem et procuratorem nostrum legitimum, ad comparendum pro nobis et nomine nostro in dicto capitulo, damusque eidem potestatem in animam nostram iurandi, causam excusacionis quam pretendimus esse veram, necnon tractandi cum his qui erunt in capitulo memorato, ac consciendi omnibus his, que in ipso capitulo fuerint per presidentem vel presidentes et ipsum capitulo ordinata, necnon omnia alia faciendi, que ad excusatoris seu procuratoris officium necessaria fuerint aut aliqualiter oportuna, ratum habituri et gratum

¹ sic MS.

quicquid idem procurator et excusator noster faciendum duxerit in premissis, sub rerum nostrarum et dicti monasterii seu prioratus nostri omnium ypoteca In cuius rei testimonium etc'.

[325. *Proxy of the prior of Worcester. 17 Sept., 1366]*

Worcester Liber Albus, fo. ccxxxiiij.

Littera ad generale capitulum.

Venerabilibus in Christo patribus ac dominis, dominis ordinis nigrorum monachorum Cantuariensis ac Eboracensis provinciarum presidentibus, frater Iohannes¹ prior ecclesie cathedralis Wygorn' obedientiam debitam cum omni reverencia et honore. Infirmitate quadam gravi variisque ac arduis negotiis impediti, quominus ad generale capitulum apud Northamton' iam in proximo celebrandum valemus accedere, ad excusandum nostram absenciam, necnon ad comparendum pro nobis in ipso capitulo, et consciendum his que in eodem ad Dei honorem nostreque religionis profectum contigerit ordinari, necnon ad iurandum in animam nostram causam excusacionis nostre veram esse, fratrem Thomam Talbot nostrum commonachum et confratrem procuratorem nostrum legitimum ordinamus et facimus per presentes. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Datum Wygorn' septimo decimo die mensis Septembris anno Domini M^{mo} CCC^{mō} lxvj^{to}.

[326. *Proxy of the abbot of Selby to the provincial chapter, mentioning the abbot of St. Mary's York as President. [c. Sept., 1370 or 1372?]*]

MS. Cotton, Vitellius E, XVI, fo. 101v [Selby].

[.]² sancti Benedicti provinc' Cant' et Ebor', que pro una reputantur, in [monasterio] sancti Andree North[ampstone] Lincolniensis diocesis die lune proximo post festum exaltacionis sancte crucis proximo futuro³ cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum subsequencium, annuente Domino celebrando, frater Iohannes⁴ abbas monasterii de Selby dicti ordinis Eboracensis diocesis, reverencias et honores debitas cum effectu. Ad comparendum et interessendum pro nobis ac monasterii nostri nomine in capitulo antedicto, dilectum nobis in Christo fratrem W. de B. commonachum domus nostre professum, procuratorem nostrum legitimum et specialem excusatorem seu nuncium ordinamus, facimus et constituimus per presentes; dantes et concedentes eidem plenariam potestatem ac generale et speciale mandatum nostram personalem absenciam excusandi, ac ipsius absencie nostre canonice causas seu causam allegandi et probandi, ex eo precipue quod quidam veritatis emuli dominum nostrum r[egem] per sugges-

¹ John de Evesham, 1340-70.

² damaged.

³ 16 Sept in 1370; 20 Sept. in 1372; cf p. 211, below.

⁴ John de Shurburn (1369-1408).

[327. *Proxy of the prior of Worcester, referring to the Peasants' Revolt.*
5 July, 1381.]

Worcester Liber Albus, fo. *cccxxvii.*

Procuratorium pro celebracione generalis capituli.

Noverint universi quod nos frater Walterus³ prior ecclesie cathedralis Wygorn', ad comparendum pro nobis et nomine nostro in capitulo generali nigrorum monachorum in monasterio sancti Andree Northampton' Lincolnensis diocesis hac instanti die lune proxima post festum

¹ Athelyngflete, dioc. York; the King presented John de Haytefeld to A., on 1 July, 1370; revoked presentation and confirmed Selby Abbey in possession of A., 8 July, 1374 (*Cal. Patent Rolls*, 1367-70, D. 445: 1370-4, D. 456).

² Will. Marreys, 1359-82.

³ Walter de Leigh, 1370-88.

translacionis sancti Thome martiris celebrando, cum continuacione et [8 July] prorogacione dierum sequencium, dilectum nobis in Christo fratrem Iohannem Grene nostrum et dicte ecclesie nostre commonachum et confratrem, sacre theologie professorem, nostrum facimus, ordinamus, et constituimus procuratorem, negotiorum gestorem, excusatorem et nuncium specialem; dantes et concedentes eidem procuratori nostro potestatem generalem et mandatum speciale absencionam nostram necessariam non affectatam excusandi, causamque excusacionis nostre sive impedimentum, propter que¹ in dicto capitulo personaliter non possumus comparere coram dominis dicti capituli presidentibus ac ceteris idem capitulum ibidem celebraturis, proponendi, allegandi, turbacionem videlicet magnam tenencium nostrorum et dicte ecclesie nostre, tam liberorum, quam nativorum, ac aliorum eis super hoc adherencium, qui se pretextu cuiusdam pretense per eos manumissionis in elacionem et proterviam erigentes,² servicia nobis debita ab eis, in quibus magna pars nostri et capituli nostri victus consistebat, facere et exhibere manifeste recusant et denegant expresse, manuque forti et hostili propter hoc se parant ad insurgendum contra nos et ecclesiam nostram totis viribus eorum, ad quorum maliciam reprimendam nos de diebus et noctibus ac per nos et nostros adeo vigilare sollicitos esse oportet, quod interim absentare non audemus, ne dampnum irreparabile quod absit nobis et ecclesie nostre accidat publice comminatum, aliaque impedimenta legitima et inevitabilia quibus detinemur ad presens, necnon de et super ipsorum impedimentorum veritate in animam nostram iurandi, ac ulterius ea probandi, quatenus oporteat a parte iuris, idemque capitulum quatenus in nobis est cum dictis dominis presidentibus, prelatis ac ceteris ibidem presentibus concelebrandi, ac super quibusunque exponendis Dei laudem et regularem correccionem nostrique ordinis reformacionem concernentibus tractandi, statuendi³ que et ordinandi, super eisdem consciendi, ceteraque omnia et singula faciendi, exercendi, gerendi et expediendi, que qualitas et natura actus huiusmodi in se exigunt et requirunt, vel nos si presentes essemus facere possemus quovismodo; promittentes nos ratum et gratum habituri quicquid idem procurator noster nomine nostro fecerit in premissis, sub rerum nostrarum et dicte ecclesie nostre omnium obligacione et ypotecha. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum fecimus hiis apponi. Datum in prioratu nostro Wygorn', quinto die Iuli, anno Domini millesimo ccc^m octogesimo primo.

[328. Memorandum of proxy for Bury St. Edmunds. 1 July, 1393] MS. Cotton, Tiberius B, IX, fo. 69v.

Memorandum quod abbas de Bury constituit Willelmum Barwe commonachum suum tunc priorem Oxon' studencium procuratorem suum ad comparendum et interessendum pro ipso in capitulo generali

¹ sic.

² eligentes MS.

³ statuendis MS.

Northampton' celebrando feria secunda in festo sancti Thome martyris,
sub dat' primo die mensis Iulii anno Domini supradicto [1393].

[329. *Proxy of the prior of Durham.* c. July, 1402.]

Durham Reg. III, fo. 5

Procuratorum ad capitulum provinciale celebrandum apud Northampton'.

Pateat universis per presentes, quod nos I[ohannes]¹ prior ecclesie cathedralis Dunelm', ad instans capitulum provinciale abbatum, priorum et aliorum prelatorum nigrorum monachorum regni Anglie die lune proximo ante festum translacionis sancti Thome martiris proximo futurum apud Northampton auctoritate apostolica celebrandum, ex causis veris et legitimis accedere personaliter non valentes, pro eo videlicet quod annum etatis attingentes sexagesimum octavum, ad partes tam longinquas absque verisimili infirmitatum gravium mortusve periculo non possumus laborare, tum eciam quia propter hostium nostrorum Scottorum partes nostras, nisi Deus remedium apposuerit, vastare proponendum incursionem quasi indies imminentem, nostrum monasterium personaliter deserere, presertim instante iam guerre tempore, non audemus; dilectum nobis in Christo confratrem et commonachum nostrum magistrum R[obertum] B[lacklaw] sacre pagine professorem, priorem collegii nostri Oxon', procuratorem nostrum legitimum et nuncium specialem facimus, ordinamus et constitutimus per presentes, ad comparendum et interessendum pro nobis et nomine nostro in dicto capitulo die et loco predictis cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum subsequencium; dantes eidem potestatem in animam nostram iurandi causas excusacionis huiusmodi esse veras, necnon tractandi cum his qui intererunt capitulo memorato, omnibus et singulis, que de communi deliberacione pro salubri reformatio[n]e ordinis in capitulo supradicto statui et ordinari continget, consenciendi, ac omnia alia et singula facienda, exercendi et expediendi, que per verum et legitimum procuratorem fieri poterint, eciam si mandatum magis exigant speciale; ratum et firmum habituri, quicquid dictus procurator noster nomine nostro fecerit in premissis, sub rerum nostrarum et monasterii nostri omnium hypotheca. In cuius rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum Datum Dunelm' primo die mensis Iulii anno Domini millesimo cccc^mo secundo.

[330. *A model form of proxy from Winchester.* c. 1471.]

Winchester Cathedral Register I, fo. 93v.²

Procuracio mittenda ad capitulum generale ut in posterum decretum est imitari.

Venerabilibus in Christo patribus dominis ac dominis divina miseratione capulti provincialis ordinis sancti Benedicti nigrorum mona-

¹ John de Hemingbrough, 1391-1416.

² written in a hand of a round, Italian type.

chorum in Anglia presidentibus eorumve commissariis seu loca tenuentibus quibuscumque, N. eadem permissione divina abbas monasterii N. eiusdem ordinis Vintoniensis diocesis, obedientiam, reverenciam et honorem tantis patribus debit' cum omni promptitudine. Quia capitulo vestro provinciali seu generali die lune proximo ante festum sancti T. martyris iam futuro cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum tunc sequencium apud Northampton' celebrando ex variis arduis et legitimis causis ac ecclesie nostre negotiis¹ supervenientibus notorie prepediti² interesse non possumus; dilectum nobis in Christo N. commonachum nostrum verum et legitimum procuratorem, excusatorem et nuncium speciale ordinamus, facimus et constituimus; dantes et concedentes eidem procuratori nostro potestatem generalem et mandatum speciale pro nobis et nomine nostro in dicto capitulo vestro provinciali coram vobis vestris commissariis comparendi et interessendi, causam seu causas absencie nostre et impedimentis nostri allegandi et proponendi, ipsam causam seu causas fore veram seu veras in animam nostram iurandi, ac eciam vobiscum vestris ve commissariis et aliis prelatis tunc ibidem existentibus de hiis que ibidem ad honorem Dei, cultus divini augmentacionem et observacionem regularē contigerit ordinari, tractandi et eisdem consenciendi, necnon singula alia faciendi, excendendi et expediendi, que circa premissa seu premissorum aliquod necessarium vel³ oportunum, eciam si mandatum vel se⁴ exigat in se magis speciale; promittentes nos ratum et gratum habituros quicquid idem procurator noster nostro dixerit⁵ faciendum, sub hypotheca et obligatione⁶ omnium bonorum nostrorum et monasterii. In cuius rei testimonium presentibus sigillum nostrum apposuimus. Dat, etc.

[331. *Proxy of the prior of Durham. 4 June, 1474.]*

Durham, Reg. Parv. III, fo. 154.

Procuratorum domini prioris ad comparendum in capitulo provinciali.

Venerabilibus in Christo patribus presidentibus omnibus et singulis ordinis nigrorum monachorum capitulum provinciale eiusdem ordinis die lune proximo ante festum translacionis sancti Thome martiris videlicet quarto die mensis Iuli proximo futuro post datum presencium apud Northampton auctoritate apostolica celebraturis quibuscumque, Ricardus⁷ permissione divina prior ecclesie cathedralis Dunelm', obedientiam et reverenciam tanto patri⁸ debitas cum honore. Quia nos tantis arduis negotiis tangentibus statum et utilitatem monasterii Dunelm', cuius regimen gerimus, sumus prepediti, quominus dicto appropinquenti capitulo provinciali, sicut premittitur, per vestras

¹ repeated in MS.

³ ve MS.

⁵ sic; perhaps for nomine nostro duxerit

⁷ Rich. Bell, 1464-79.

² predict' MS.

⁴ sic MS

⁶ oblacione MS.

⁸ sic.

reverendas paternitates divina favente clemencia celebrando person-
 aliter interesse valeamus; predilectum igitur confratrem nostrum
 magistrum Robertum Ebchestre, sacre theologie professorem, custo-
 demque nostri collegii Dunelm' in Oxonia, nostrum verum et legitimum
 procuratorem, actorem, factorem, excusatorem, et nuncium specialem
 facimus, ordinamus et constituimus per presentes; dantes et conce-
 dentes eidem magistro Roberto procuratori nostro plenariam potes-
 tatem et mandatum speciale pro nobis et nomine nostro coram vestris
 reverendis paternitatibus antedictis die et loco superius assignatis et
 prefixis cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum ex tunc sequencium
 comparendi, absenciamque nostram corporalem excusandi, et causam
 seu causas absencie huiusmodi allegandi, proponendi, et pro-
 bandi, quodcumque insuper iuramentum licitum et honestum in ea
 parte necessarium et de iure requisitum in animam nostram prestandi
 [fo. 155] et iurandi, necnon super articulis omnibus et singulis per vos seu
 alios prelatos eiusdem ordinis ibidem interessentes, vestrumve aut
 eorum aliquem vel aliquos, forsitan in dicto capitulo ad honorem et
 utilitatem dicti ordinis movendis, proponendis et ministrandis, una
 vobiscum et eis tractandi, communicandi et concludendi, ac universis
 et singulis que in dicto capitulo per vos seu vestrum aliquem com-
 muniter aut divisim de communi consilio omnium et singulorum in
 eodem capitulo provinciali personaliter comparencium salubriter
 ordinata fuerint, consciendi, cetera quoque omnia et singula faciendi,
 exercendi et expediendi, que in premissis aut circa ea necessaria fuerint
 seu quomodolibet oportuna, et que ad officium procuratoris sive ex-
 cusatoris huiusmodi pertinere dinoscuntur de consuetudine aut de
 iure, eciam etsi talia sint que de sui natura mandatum exigant magis
 speciale; promittentes nos ratum, gratum et firmum pro perpetuo
 habituri totum et quicquid per eundem procuratorem nostrum sive
 nuncium actum, factum, dictum, gestum seu procuratum fuerit in
 premissis aut eorum aliquo, sub hypotheca et obligacione rerum nostra-
 rum et monasterii antedicti, et exponimus in ea parte caucionem per
 presentes sigillo dignitati nostre huiusmodi annexo robatas. Datum
 Dunelm' iiiij^{to} die mensis Iunii, anno Domini M^o CCCC^o lxxiiij^{to}.

[332. *Excuses extracted from various proxies.*]

Robert prior of Durham. c. June, 1381. Durham Reg. II, fo. 195^v.

. . . ex causa sufficienti et clara, eo videlicet quod dominus rex
 Castellorum et Leonis, dux Lancastrie,¹ aliquique domini comites et magnates
 nomine domini nostri regis ad tractandum cum Scottis de treugis, pace
 et concordia inter regna in partibus nostris existunt, cum quibus propter
 comodum regni et dicti monasterii nostri Dunelm' oportet et oportebit
 nos necessario personaliter occupari pro tempore quo in partibus nostris

¹ John of Gaunt.

ex causa predicta extiterint domini supradicti, nec scimus nec scire poterimus quamdiu circa prefatam causam in partibus nostris morabuntur. Insuper quia sedes episcopalnis dicte ecclesie Dunelm' per mortem bone memorie domini Thome¹ ultimi episcopi eiusdem ecclesie dinoscitur iam vacare, et pro constanti habemus, quod ultra diem provinciali nostro capitulo assignatum durabit eadem vacacio, quod graviter gerimus, cum nos oporteat tempore medio tam in temporalibus quam in spiritualibus interponere vices nostras. . .

Will. abbot of Bury St. Edmunds. 30 June, 1390. *MS. Cotton, Tib. B, IX, fo. 41.*

. . . Non solum propter debita predecessoris nostri in quibus tenebatur ratione diutine vaca | cionis abbacie de tempore suo et defensionis *fo. 41v.* iuriū monasterii predicti, ac expensarum importabilium factarum pro remedio recuperando dampnorum eidem monasterio per insurrectionem populi nequiter illatorum, set eciam propter debita nobis similiter incumbencia ex vacacione ultimo iam elapsa, de quibus omnibus porcio nostra a porcione conventus separata totaliter oneratur, necnon confluenciam regis, regine et aliorum magnatorum huius regni causa plene remissionis eisdem concessae predictum monasterium et alia pia loca plus solito peregre visitancium, in quorum adventu propter dampna et pericula, que exinde verisimiliter evenire poterunt supradicto monasterio, ab eadem hoc vice non possumus absentari, verum eciam propter attenuacionem substancie nostre ex causis premissis quasi irrecuperabiliter contingentem sumus legitime prepediti . . .

John² prior of Worcester. 30 June, 1402. *Worcester Liber Albus, fo. 411.*

. . . Horribilium insurreccionum Wallicorum, que iam tarde prope partes nostras, quod dolenter referimus, acciderunt, in quibus dicti Wallici florem milicie de comitatu Herford' occiderunt atque ceperunt, timore percussi et eciam impediti, quominus . . .

John prior of Durham. 21 June, 1420. *Durham Reg. III, fo. 71.*

. . . pro eo videlicet quod die Mercurii proximo post festum nativitatis beati Iohannis baptiste proximo futurum adventum honorabilis domini, domini Henrici comitis North³ premuniti sumus apud Dunelm' expectare, secum super quibusdam negotiis nos et monasterium nostrum ac specialiter cellam nostram de Coldyngham nuper inter Anglicos et Scottos invicem dimicantes miserabiliter destructam et combustam concernentibus habituri colloquium personale, tum eciam quia propter hostium nostrorum Scottorum partes nostras, nisi Deus remedium apposuerit, vastare proponencium incursionem quasi indies imminente monasterium personaliter deserere instante iam guerre tempore non audemus . . .

[continued on p. 220]

¹ Thomas Hatfield, 1345-81.

² John Malvern, 1395-1410.

³ Henry Percy, 1394-1455.

TABLE OF
For the sources,
 (a = abbot.

The proctor is a monk of the house

	<i>Date of proxy.</i>	<i>Prelate.</i>	<i>Proctor.</i>
	[c. June, 1338]	W., p., Durham	John de Butterwyk
	[c Sept., 1340]	W., p., Durham	N. de L., prior of house of 1
	Durham, 28 Aug., 1343	John, p., Durham	John de Beverlaco, D.D., subprior of D.
5	Selby, 3 Sept., 1343	Galfr., a., Selby	{ Rob de Aslacby, monk
	Durham, 29 Aug., 1346	J., p., Durham	John de Carleton, clerk
	[c. Sept., 1346]	Galfr., a., Selby	R. de [Halden], prior of 5 Stamford
10	Glastonbury, 6 Sept., 1360	Walter, a., Glaston.	John de Ingmanthorp
	Glastonbury, 3 Sept., 1363	Walter, a., Glaston.	John Seen
	Battle [c. 14] Sept. [1366?]	Hamo, a., Battle	Robert Lambourne
	Worcester, 17 Sept., 1366	John., p., Worcester	Laurence Child, B. Decr
	Durham, 24 Aug., 1370	John, p., Durham	Thomas Talbot
			Rob. de Claxton, prior of 10 Stamford
	Worcester, 17 Sept., 1372	Walter, p., Worcester	John de Malverne, precentor
	[c. June] 1381	Rob., p., Durham	of W. —
15	Worcester, 5 July, 1381	Walter, p., Worcester	John Grene, D.D.
	[c. 1381-7?]	Thomas, a., St. Albans	Symon Suthereye, B.D. 15
	Rochester, 28 June, 1384	John, p., Rochester	John Holingbourne, student
	Rochester, 28 June, 1387	John, p., Rochester	at Oxford
19	Worcester, 5 July, 1387	Walter, p., Worcester	John Holingbourne, student
	Bury St. Edm., 30 June, 1390	Will., a., Bury St Edm.	at Oxford
			Mr John Green, D.D.
			John de Gosforth, prior of 19 B.

¹ Nicholas of Lusby, prior of Stamford, 1338-46; cf. *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surford de essendo procur' prioris ad generale capitulum apud Norhampton.

² President, Walter, abbot of Malmesbury.

PROXIES

see p. 197 above.

p. = prior)

he represents, unless otherwise stated.

<i>Place and date of Chapter</i>	<i>Excuse for non-attendance</i>	<i>Source.</i>
— 10 June	old age, past journeys to Rome, failing eyesight (cf. p. 17 above).	Durham, V, fo. 28 ^v
— monday after 8 Sept	as above	Durham, V, fo. 24 ^v
Northampton, 9 Sept	protection of property from Scots, and command of King to stay at Durham	Durham, V, fo. 54 ^v , 34 ^v
Northampton —	visitation by Abp. of York, 15 Sept	Selby, I, fo. 3 ^v
5 Northampton, 25 Sept	invasion of Scots	Durham, V, fo. 29
Northampton —	defence against Scots	Selby, I, fo. 11
Northampton, 14 Sept	—	Glastonbury, I, fo. 52 ^v
Northampton, 11 Sept.	—	Glastonbury, I, fo. 72 ^v
— 21 Sept ²	expected visit of the King	Battle, I, fo. 27
10 Northampton —	infirmity and business	Worcester, I, fo. 232
Northampton, monday after 14 Sept. [= 16 Sept]	old age and infirmity	Durham, I, fo. 195
Northampton, 20 Sept., 1372	indefinite	Worcester, I, fo. 266
Northampton, 8 July	coming of Duke of Lancaster, etc, and vacancy of see of Durham	Durham, I, fo. 195
15 Northampton, 8 July	peasants' revolt	Worcester, I, fo. 316 ^v
Northampton, monday after 7 July	old age, infirmity, business	St Albans, I, fo. 99 ^v
Northampton — ³	infirmity	Rochester, I, fo. 20
Northampton — ⁴	infirmity	Rochester, I, fo. 33
19 Northampton —	infirmity and business	Worcester, I, fo. 320 ^v
Northampton, 4 July	debts, etc (see p. 209 above)	Bury St. Edm., I, fo. 41

tees Soc), II, 539 (1340-1) : Et cuidam deferenti literas prioris ad priorem Stan-

² Presidents named, abbots of St Albans, Bury St. Edmunds, and St. Mary's, York.

⁴ Presidents, abbots of Glastonbury, Ramsey, and prior of Durham.

TABLE OF

<i>Date of proxy.</i>	<i>Prelate</i>	<i>Proctor</i>
Rochester, 30 June, 1390	John, p., Rochester	{ John Morel
Bury St. Edm., 1 July, 1393	—, a., Bury St Edm.	John Holynghbourne
Rochester, 1 July, 1393	John, p., Rochester	Will. Barwe, prior Studen- cium Oxon
Worcester, 26 June, 1399 5 Rochester, 30 June, 1402	John, p., Worcester John, p., Rochester	John Eldyng, student at Ox- ford
Worcester, 30 June, 1402 Durham, 1 July, 1402	John, p., Worcester John, p., Durham	John Duddeley, D.D John Ealdyng, B.D., student at Oxford
Durham, 28 June, 1405	John, p., Durham	John Duddeley, D.D.
Durham, 28 June, 1411	John, p., Durham	R[ob] B[acklaw], D.D., prior of Durham College, Oxford
10 Bury St. Edm., 1 July, 1411 Bath, 2 July, 1411	—, a., Bury St Edm. John, p., Bath	Will. Appilby, prior of Dur- ham College, Oxford
Elmeswell, 5 July, 1414	Will, a., Bury St Edm.	Tho. Rome, B.D., warden of Durham College, Oxford
Peterborough, 7 July, 1414	John, a., Peterborough	{ Will. Barwe, sacrist of B Rob. Wessenham, chaplain, of B.
Peterborough, 2 July, 1417	John, a., Peterborough	Will. Cary
15 Durham, 21 June, 1420	John, p., Durham	{ Ric. Wysebech Rob. Wessenham
Peterborough, 2 July, 1423	John, a., Peterborough	{ Ric. Harlton Walt Fryeney
Milton, 25 June, 1426	Rich., a., Milton	{ Ric. Harlton, B.D., prior of P. T. Fannell
Peterborough, 28 June, 1426 19 Durham, 22 June, 1429	John, a., Peterborough John, p., Durham	{ Tho. Rome, D.D. John Fyshburn
		{ Rich. Harlton, B.D., prior of P. Walter Frysney, B Decr John Haselbere, cellarar of M.
		{ Rich. Harlton, prior of P Tho. Depyng, D.D. Will. Ebchestre, D.D.

¹ printed *Colding-*

PROXIES (*continued*)

<i>Place and date of Chapter.</i>	<i>Excuse for non-attendance.</i>	<i>Source.</i>
Northampton, 4 July	infirmity and business	Rochester, I, fo. 42
Northampton, 7 July	—	Bury St. Edm., I, fo. 69 ^v
Northampton 6 July	infirmity	Rochester, I, fo. 64
5 Northampton, 30 June	business	Worcester, I, fo. 39 ^v
Northampton, 3 July	infirmity	Rochester, I, fo. 106
Northampton, 3 July	insurrection of the Welsh	Worcester, I, fo. 411
Northampton, 3 July	old age and the Scots	Durham, II, fo. 5
Northampton, 6 July	wars	Durham, II, fo. 18 ^v
Northampton, 6 July	old age	Durham, VI, fo. 15 ^v
10 Northampton, 6 July	—	Bury St. Edm., I, fo. 151
Northampton, 6 July	<i>diversis corporis meri membrorum collisionibus</i> , and business	Westm. Abbey Mem., 9513
Northampton, 9 July	infirmity	Bury St. Edm., I, fo. 162 ^v
Northampton, 9 July	business, esp. imminent visit of King	Peterborough, I, fo. 63 ^v
Northampton, 5 July	infirmity	Peterborough, I, fo. 76 ^v
15 Northampton, 8 July	visit of Earl of Northumberland, and business connected with Coldingham priory	Durham, II, fo. 71
Northampton, 5 July	infirmity	Peterborough, I, fo. 89 ^v
Northampton —	old age, infirmity	Durham Misc. Ch. 5268
Northampton, 1 July	infirmity	Peterborough, I, fo. 129
19 Northampton, 4 July	coming of embassy to the Scots	¹ Durham, II, fo. 130 ^v , cf. VI, fo. 40

ham, p. 103.

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<i>Date of proxy.</i>	<i>Prelate.</i>	<i>Proctor.</i>
2 July, 1429	John, a., Peterborough	{ Tho Depyng, D D Walter Frysney, B Decr
22 June, 1432	John, p., Durham	Will. Ebchestre, D D , prior of Holy Island
28 June, 1432	John, a., Peterborough	{ Tho. Depyng, D D. Will. Exton
22 June, 1435	John, p., Durham	Will. Ebchestre, D.D
5 1 July, 1435	— a., Bury St Edm.	{ Will. Bury, B D Will. Babington
2 July, 1435	John, a., Peterborough	{ Tho Depyng, D D Will Exton, B D
10 June, 1441	John, p., Durham	Will. Ebchestre, D D ¹
16 June, 1441	Will, a., Bury St. Edm	{ Rich. Ryngstede, B D., sub- prior of B
30 June, 1441	Rich., a., Peterborough	{ Tho Derham, B.D , sacrist of B
10 3 July, 1444	Rich., a., Peterborough	Will Exton, B D.
1 June, 1447	Will., p., Durham	{ Walter Frysney, B.Decr. Will. Burgh
1 June, 1450	Will, p., Durham	John Burnby, D.D
12 June, 1453	Will., p., Durham	John Burnby, D D , warden of Durham Coll., Oxford
2 July, 1456	Rich., a., Peterborough	Rich Bell, B D , warden of Durham Coll., Oxford
15 27 June, 1459	Tho , p., Worcester	{ Will Burgh Hen. Burgh
4 July, 1459	Rich , a., Peterborough	{ John Lawarn, D.D Will Walwyn, B.D.
11 June, 1465	Rich , p., Durham	John Smethewyk, cellararer
20 June, 1465	Tho , p., Worcester	Will. Burgh
19 12 June, 1468	Rich., p , Durham	{ Rob. Ebchester, scholar of theology, warden of Dur- ham. Coll., Oxford
		{ John Lawern, D.D Will Walwyne, B D
		{ John Smethewyke, cellararer Rob Ebchestre, B.D , war- den of Durham Coll , Oxford

¹ Cf. his expenses to the Chapter.

PROXIES (*continued*)

<i>Place and date of Chapter.</i>	<i>Excuse for non-attendance.</i>	<i>Source</i>
Northampton, 4 July	infirmity	Peterborough, I, fo. 14 ^v
Northampton, 30 June	infirmity and disturbance among nobles	Durham, II, fo. 146 ^v , VI, fo. 62 ^v
Northampton, 30 June	infirmity	Peterborough, I, fo. 146
Northampton, 4 July	infirmity	Durham, II, fo. 190
5 Northampton —	—	Bury St. Edm., II, fo. 142 ^v
Northampton, 4 July	infirmity	Peterborough, I, fo. 156
Northampton, 3 July	dangers to monastery and its property	Durham, VI, fo. 139
Northampton, 3 July	King's business, etc.	Bury St. Edm., III, fo. 128 ^v
Northampton, monday 2 July [<i>sic</i>]		Peterborough, II, fo. 8 ^v
10 Northampton, 6 July		Peterborough, II, fo. 12 ^v
Northampton — July	invasion of Scots	Durham, III, fo. 57 ^v , VII, fo. 18
Northampton — July	infirmity and business	Durham, VII, fo. 37
Northampton, 2 July	infirmity and old age	Durham, VII, fo. 58 ^v
Northampton, 5 July		Peterborough, II, fo. 39
15 Northampton, 2 July	business, infirmity, old age	Worcester, II, fo. 7 ^v
Northampton, monday next [= 9 July]		Peterborough, II, fo. 49
Northampton, 1 July	making of inventory, coming of King's embassy	Durham, III, fo. 154 ^v
Northampton, 1 July	business, infirmity, old age	Worcester, II, fo. 37.
19 Northampton, 4 July	business	Durham, VII, fo. 137

Durham Acc. Rolls (Surtees Soc.), III, 627.

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<i>Date of Proxy.</i>	<i>Prelate.</i>	<i>Proctor</i>
27 June, 1471	Will., a., St Albans	abbot of Westminster
30 June, 1471 ¹	Rich., a., Peterborough	Rich. Croyland
4 June, 1474	Rich., p., Durham	Rob Ebchestre, D.D., warden of Durham Coll., Oxford
26 June, 1474	John, a., Muchelney	John Sylley, monk of Glastonbury
5 29 June, 1474	Rob., p., Worcester	John Lawern, D.D., sub-prior of W. Rich. Upton, subcellarer of W.
18 June, 1477 [June, 1480]	Rich., p., Durham N., p., Bradewelle	Rob Ebchestre, D.D John Rothbury, archdeacon of St. Albans
27 May, 1486	John, p., Durham	Tho. Rolland, warden of Durham Coll., Oxford
8 June [1492]	John, p., Durham	Tho Castell, warden of Durham Coll., Oxford
10 [June, 1495?]	Tho., p., Durham	Will Cauthorn, B.D., warden of Durham Coll., Oxford
23 June, 1495	Will., a., Muchelney	John Scherborne John Stretford, cellarar of W.
29 June, 1495	Will., p., Worcester	Thomas Myldeham, sacrist of W.
[June, 1498]	Tho., p., Durham	Edmund Ledbury, third prior of W. Edmund Ascheby, monk of Winchcomb
14 27 June, 1498	Will., p., Worcester	Will Cauthorn, B.D., warden of Durham Coll., Oxfd. ² Thomas Myldenham, sacrist of W. John Weddysbury, third prior of W. Henry Chester, cellarar of W

¹ 1461 MS.² Cf. his expenses to the Chapter at Northampton [sic],

PROXIES (*continued*)

<i>Place and date of Chapter.</i>	<i>Excuse for non-attendance.</i>	<i>Source.</i>
Northampton, 1 July	attendance at creation of Edward, Prince of Wales	St. Albans, III, (ii) p. 99 (<i>printed</i>); Rochester, II, fo. 19
Northampton, 1 July		Peterborough, II, fo. 63 ^v
Northampton, 4 July	business	Durham, VII, fo. 154 ^v
Northampton, 4 July		Muchelney I, fo. 21
5 Northampton, 4 July	business	Worcester, II, fo. 80 ^v , cf. fo 63.
Northampton, 30 June	papal business	Durham, VII, fo. 175 ^v
Northampton, monday, 3 July	business	St. Albans, III (ii), p. 241
Northampton, monday, 30 June [<i>sic for 3 July</i>]	business	Durham, II, fo. 62
Northampton, 2 July	—	Durham, VIII, fo. 24
10 Northampton, 29 June	business	Durham, VIII, fo. 44
Northampton, 6 July	—	Muchelney I, fo. 14 ^v
—	business	Worcester, II, fo. 104
Coventry, monday, 2 July	business	Durham, VIII, fo. 59
14 Coventry, 2 July	business	Worcester, II, fo. 122

Durham Acc. Rolls (Surtees Soc.), III, 655 (1498-9).

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<i>Date of proxy.</i>	<i>Prelate</i>	<i>Proctor.</i>
29 May, 1504	Tho., p., Durham	Tho Swalwell, D.D., warden of Durham Coll., Oxfid. ¹
7 May, 1507	Tho., p., Durham	{ Tho. Swalwell, D.D. Tho. Castell, B.D., warden of Durham Coll., Oxford
2 June, 1507	Tho., p., Worcester	{ John Weddysbury, sacrist of W. Will Barnysley, fourth prior of W.
18 April, 1509	Tho., p., Durham	{ Will Alston, hostiliar of W. Tho. Castell, B.D., warden of Durham Coll., Oxfid.
5 14 April, 1510	Tho., p., Durham	{ Hugh Whietched Tho Castell, B.D., warden of Durham Coll., Oxfid
— April, 1512	Tho., p., Durham	{ Hugh Whietched, scholar of same Hugh Whietchede, B.D., warden of Durham Coll., Oxfid
[c. June, 1516]	Will., a., Gloucester	{ Edward Hyemars, scholar of same John Rodley, B.D.
10 June, 1519	Tho., p., Durham	{ Edw. Hyenmars, B.D., warden of Durham Coll., Oxfid.
14, 16 Feb., 1520	Tho., p., Winchester	{ Peter Lee, scholar of same Will Broke, B.D., subprior, and 4 monks of W
10 8 Jan., 1532	Will., p., Worcester	{ Clement, abbot of Evesham Rich., abbot of Winchcomb

¹ Cf his expenses to the Chapter, *Durham*

PROXIES (*continued*)

<i>Place and date of Chapter.</i>	<i>Excuse for non-attendance.</i>	<i>Source</i>
Coventry, monday —	business	Durham, VIII, fo. 144
Coventry, monday, 2 July [sic for 5 July]	business	Durham, VIII, fo. 159
Coventry, 5 July	business	Worcester, III, fo. 44 ^v
Coventry, monday, 2 July	business	Durham, VIII, fo. 171
5 Coventry, monday, 2 July [sic for 1 July]	business	Durham VIII, fo. 178 ^v
Coventry, monday, 2 July [sic for 5 July]	business	Durham, VIII, fo. 192 ^v
Coventry —	<i>visitacio ordinaria</i> [Bishop's] of his monastery, June 2-30	Gloucester, II, fo. 64 ^v
— —	business and infirmity	Durham, VIII, fo. 214 ^v
Westminster, Monday, 26 Feb.	infirmity, old age	Winchester, II, fo. 23-23 ^v
10 Westminster, 16 Jan	business	Worcester, III, fo. 164

Acc. Rolls (Surtees Soc.), III, 658 (1505-6).

[332. *Excuses extracted from various proxies: continued from p 209*] [332. *Excuses extracted from various proxies: continued from p 209*]

John prior of Durham. 22 June, 1432. *Durham Reg.* III, fo. 146^v.

. . . videlicet quod ad presens sumus adeo distemperati quod si ad partes tam remotas laboraremus hac vice, egritudinem timemus incurrire graviorem, ac eciam quia iam tarde inter magnates patrie graves discordie sunt exorte, pro quorum reformacione, pace et tranquillitate patrie per vicecomitem et alios probos homines de consilio domini nostri Dunelm' cum instancia sumus requisiti in patria expectare et super premissa nostram operam et diligenciam adhibere . . .

Will. abbot of Bury St. Edmunds. 16 June, 1441. *Add MS.* 14848, fo. 128^v.

. . . negotiis regni prout per literas domini regis sub suo privato sigillo nobis inopinatae directas luculencius apparebit . . .

[*ibid.*, fo. 129] Alia forma procuratori pro eodem.

. . . necnon adventu domini nostri Henrici tituli sancti Eusebii presbiteri cardinalis¹ qui nobis in consilio domini nostri regis nuper tento apud Shene oretenus exposuit se circiter diem lune proximum post festum apostolorum Petri et Pauli in dicto nostro monasterio velle nobiscum personaliter existere . . .

Richard prior of Durham. 11 June, 1465. *Durham Reg.* IV, fo. 154^v.

. . . videlicet propter confectionem pleni et fidelis inventarii in nostra novitate de et super bonis, rebus et possessionibus omnibus et singulis nos et monasterium nostrum Dunelm' concernentibus iuxta statuta nostri ordinis et exigenciam iuris, subitumque adventum certorum ambassiatorum domini nostri regis ad partes has pro reformatio-
nione et continuacione pacis inter regna Anglie et Scocie, prout nobis datur intelligi, cum quibus pro salvacione rerum et possessionum nostrarum in confinibus marchie constitutaruin colloquium habere de necessitate nos oportet . . .

Richard prior of Durham. 18 June, 1477. *Durham Reg. Parv.* III, fo. 175^v.

. . . tum propter celeriorem expedicionem certorum negotiorum sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri domini Sixti divina provi-
dencia pape quarti per venerabilem patrem abbatem Abendon'² predicti sanctissimi patris in Anglia legatum a latere et nuncium specialem nuper nobis et alis commissorum, tum propter declaracionem et deter-
minacionem certarum causarum indies emergencium venerabilis in Christo patris et domini, domini Willelmi Dei gratia Dunelm' episcopi³ in remotis agentis nobis per dictum venerabilem patrem similiter commissarum . . .

¹ Cardinal Beaufort.

² John Saute, 1469-95.

³ William Dudley, 1476-83

CITATIONS AND CERTIFICATES.

A few weeks before the visitation, the abbot visitor sent a citation to each monastery to be visited. The citation usually contained the following clauses :

- (a) It is addressed sometimes to the prelate and convent, sometimes to the prelate alone. In this initial protocol (e.g. No. 333) the visitor usually recites his appointment, in the last provincial chapter, as visitor for such a district or monastery ;
- (b) he gives the date of the intended visitation ;
- (c) he cites the prelate, and through him, the monks, to appear at such a place and hour, usually specified as the chapter house and the accustomed hour of chapter ;
- (d) he orders a certificate to be returned, together with a "schedule" or list of the monks summoned to the visitation by the prelate.

The certificate is usually dated on or shortly before the day of the visitation, when it was presented to the visitor : in it the prelate to be visited

- (a) acknowledges the receipt of the citation on such a date ;
- (b) recites the citation in full ;
- (c) certifies that he has summoned the monks ;
- (d) gives the list of monks on a sheet annexed.

Both kinds of document are very frequent in the Registers : for the purpose of form and precedent, it was equally useful to record both those that one received and those that one issued. In the Registers, sometimes the citation is given alone, and sometimes, but more rarely, the certificate alone. The citation may be given enclosed in the certificate (as in the original certificate) or the two may be given separately. The lists of monks are almost always omitted in the Registers : there is an exception in 1480, in St. Albans, III (ii), pp. 229-32.

As to the names of these documents, as given in the endorsements or captions : for the citations, *Citacio* is common, but we also find, e.g., *Mandatum prioris Wigorn' pro visitacione* (1507, Gloucester, I, fo. 7¹) ; *Commissio pro visitacione ordinis* (1389, Winchester, I, fo. 5^v) ; *Pre-municio visit' per generale capitulum* (1378, Westm. Abbey Mun. 12775). For the certificates, *Certificatorium* or *Certificacio* is general.

The certificates of Bury St. Edmunds have an unusual feature : they carefully specify those monks whom it has been impossible to summon ; thus, besides the example printed below, No. 339 ;

1390 : 3 monks at Oxford and one at the Court of Rome *ex licencia nostra*. Bury St. Edmunds, I, fo. 41.

1414 : 3 monks at Oxford and one at the Court of Rome *absque licencia nostra* : the abbot himself cannot be present, owing to infirmity, but appoints Rob. Icklyngham, the prior, to represent him. Bury St. Edmunds, I, fo. 162.

1420: 4 monks at Oxford and one other. Bury St. Edmunds, I, fo. 191.

1429: 3 monks at Oxford and one at London on the business of the monastery. Bury St. Edmunds, II, fo. 41^v.

1435: 3 monks at Oxford. Bury St. Edmunds, II, fo. 140^v.

1441: 5 monks at Oxford. Bury St. Edmunds, III, fo. 127.

In the same way the abbot of Muchelney excepts Will. de Scheptone, a monk studying at Oxford, in his certificate, c. 1359-97. (Muchelney, II, fo. 5^v) and the prior of Winchester excepts Thomas Nevyle and Thomas Schyrebourne, monks studying at Oxford, in his certificate, 16 April, 1390 (Winchester, I, fo. 5^v).

Occasionally light is thrown on the actual manner of visitation. We are given the exact route of two of the commissaries of the abbot of St. Albans, visitor for Lincoln diocese, in 1480; St. Albans-Ramsey-Peterborough-Croyland-Bardney-Daventry-Eynsham-St. Albans. Two other commissaries visited the lesser houses of Luffield, Snellshall, and Bradwell. St. Albans, III (ii), pp. 220-1.

In April, 1426, when the commissaries of Peterborough visited the diocese of Lincoln, we find the following note: Item memorandum quod eodem tempore prior de Snelleshale et confrater suus venerunt usque prioratum de Bradwell pro visitacione predicta. Peterborough, I, fo. 129.

A certain number of originals of the citations survive:

(1) Westminster Abbey Mun. 12776 Walden (visitor) to Westminster, 16 Aug., 1369; parchment 13 in. × 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; no trace of seal or tongue, hole for filing at top left; endorsed: *Premunicio abbatis de Walden super visitacione in Westm' facienda. Westm'*

(2) Westm. Abbey Mun. 12774*. Colchester (visitor) to Westminster, date lacking (c. 1369-74); parchment 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ × 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; no seal, hole for filing on left side; no endorsement.

(3) Westm. Abbey Mun. 12775. Chertsey (visitor) to Westminster, 20 June, 1378; parchment 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ × 4 in.; seal lost, root of tongue, and tie-strip; endorsed: *Premunicio visit' p[er] generale capitulum.*

(4) Durham Misc. Ch. 6681. Durham (visitor) to Whitby, 10 April, 1381; parchment 11 × 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; no tongue for seal, but apparently the marks of a seal applied to the back of the document, corresponding in size to Blair and Greenwell, *Durham Seals*, no. 3441.

(5) Durham Misc. Ch. 2591. Whitby (visitor) to Durham, 26 March, 1456; parchment 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ × 4 in.; no seal or tongue remaining; endorsed: [20 corr. to] i. *Citacio prioris D. per abbatem de Whitby pro visitacione. 1^a 2^e ciste.*

(6) Canterbury, Dean and Chapter, *Cartae Antiquae*, S. 349 A. Selby (visitor) to Durham, 1 April, 1447 (quadragesimo se[....]); parchment 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ × 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; seal, partly broken, on tongue 1 in. wide; endorsed: *Recepta fuit presens citacio per Willelmum priorem Dunelm'*

infrascriptum in bassa camera eiusdem prioris quinto die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo CCCC^mo xlviij^o.

Some original certificates also survive :

(1) Durham Misc. Ch. 2607. York to Bardney (visitor), 3 July, 1366; parchment 10 x 7½ in.; no seal; late endorsement: i. Certificacio citationis pro visitacione m[onasterii] beate Marie in Eboraco. 1^a 2^e ciste; lacks list of monks.

(2) Durham Misc. Ch. 6683. Whitby to Durham (visitor), 28 Sept., 1401; parchment 11½ x 7¾ + 1¼ in. turned up; seal missing, but the tag of parchment, passed through slits, remains; late endorsement: [20 corr. to] i. Certificatorium abbatis de Whithby pro visitacione. 1^a 2^e ciste; lacks list of monks This document has corrections in another hand.

(3) Durham Misc. Ch. 5277. Monk Bretton to Durham (visitor), 24 April, 1402; parchment 14 x 3 in.; seal missing, but tongue remains; 3 holes pierced on left side of document; late endorsement; 1 2^e longe ciste. [20 corr. to] i. Certificatorium prioris de Monk Bretton pro visitacione. 1^a 2^e ciste.

Belonging to this certificate, apparently, and written in the same hand, but now separated, is a list of monks, printed below, No. 336; parchment 3½ wide x 4 in.; a slit in it, about ¼ in. wide, below the list of names; probably attached to the certificate in the same way as Westm. Abbey Mun. 12774, below

(4) Durham Misc. ch. 6872. Selby to Durham (visitor), 4 June, 1465; parchment 12½ x 5¾ + 1 in. turned up; seal missing; endorsement: Certificatorium abbatis de Selby facta priori D. visitatori super citationem confratrum suorum. Lo[?]. 1^a 2^e ciste. Lacks list of monks.

(5) Westminster Abbey Mun. 12774. Colchester to Westminster (visitor), 16 June, 1465; parchment 17 x 6½ in.; seal, mutilated, on tongue; endorsed. De visitacione domus sancti Iohannis Colcestr' per G. abbatem Westm.

Belonging to this certificate is the list of monks, printed below, No. 341; parchment 2½ wide x 8 in., attached in the following manner; the tongue of the certificate was passed through two slits in the list, and then the seal was added, which thus keeps the list in place.

(6) Brit. Mus. Addit. Ch. 33687 St. Albans to Ramsey (visitor), 20 June, 1492; parchment 14¾ x 6½ in.; remains of tongue, no seal.

According to the catalogue, the following belongs to this certificate, and it seems to be in the same hand: Brit. Mus. Addit. Ch. 34350, list of monks of St Albans, printed below, No. 342; parchment 4½ wide x c. 16½-18 in., the top torn away.

There is one example of a list of monks, separate, with a seal:

Durham Misc. Ch. 6663. List of monks of Selby, c. 1426 ?, printed below, No 338; parchment 5 x 8 in.; seal (fragmentary) on a tag passed through slits and twisted.

[333. *Certificate with citation for a visitation of St. Mary's York by the abbot of Bardney. 3 July, 1366.]*

Durham Misc. Ch. 2607

Venerabili in Christo patri domino Thome Dei gracia . . abbati monasterii de Bardenay¹ Lincolnensis diocesis, visitatori in hac parte deputato, Willelmus permissione divina . . abbas monasterii beate Marie Ebor'² reverenciam ac obedienciam debitas in hac parte. Literas vestras reverendas vicesimo die mensis Iunii ultimo preterito recepimus, eo qui sequitur sub tenore :

Thomas miseracione divina . . abbas monasterii de Bardenay ordinis sancti Benedicti Lincolnensis diocesis, ad visitandum omnia et singula monasteria nigrorum monachorum eiusdem ordinis Eboracensis, Dunolmensis et Karliolensis diocesum, ac super et de statu ipsorum monasteriorum et observancia regulari diligenter inquirendum, necnon ad corrigendum et reformatum tam in temporalibus quam in spiritualibus, ea que correccione seu reformacione viderimus indigere, ac omnia alia et singula, que ad huiusmodi visitacionis officium de iure vel consuetudine spectare noscuntur, debite inibi excercendum, visitator in generali sive provinciali capitulo nigrorum monachorum Anglicane provincie dicti ordinis Northampton' ultimo celebrato, ab ipso capitulo et presidente tunc eidem legitime deputatus, reverendis et religiosis viris dominis . . abbati et conventui monasterii beate Marie Ebor' eiusdem Eboracensis diocesis, salutem et fraterne dilectionis continuum incrementum. Cupientes officium visitacionis huiusmodi nobis in hac parte, ut premititur, iniunctum convenienter exequi, ut tenemur, ne in dampnum et periculum animarum vestiarum et nostre de negligencia reprobemur,³ vosque de accessu nostro occasione huiusmodi debite premuniri, vobis per presentes plenius intimamus, quod vos et monasterium vestrum predictum die Veneris proximo post festum apostolorum Petri et Pauli proximo iam futurum, cum continuacione et prorogacione, prout opus fuerit, dierum extunc sequentium, intendimus et volumus, ut nobis in hac parte incumbit, per nos vel alium vel alias commissarium nostrum vel commissarios nostros, dante Domino, actualiter visitare, ac omnia alia et singula ad officium visitacionis huiusmodi, ut predictitur,

¹ Tho. of Stapleton, 1355-79.

² Will Marreys, c 1359-82.

³ cf. similar phrase, in a citation from Waldento Westminster, 16 Aug., 1369 : Hunc autem terminum peremptor⁴ abbreviandum sic duximus, propter evidens periculum animarum, quod evenire posse verisimiliter formidamus ex dilacione diutina premissorum. Westminster Abbey Mun. 12776.

spectancia iuxta quod premittitur exercere. Quem quidem diem Veneris predictum cum continuacione et prorogacione huiusmodi, ut prefertur, vobis domino . . abbati et conventui dicti monasterii beate Marie Ebor prefigimus et assignamus, vosque dominum . . abbatem sepedicti monasterii sancte Marie Ebor' tenore presencium peremptorie citamus, ac per vos conventum vestrum ac omnes et singulos monachos vestros premuniri ac eiam peremptorie citari volumus et mandamus, quod dicto die Veneris, cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum, si opus fuerit, sequencium, in domo vestra capitulari hora competenti coram nobis vel nostro seu nostris in hac parte commissario vel commissariis compareatis et compareant, visitacionem nostram huiusmodi ut convenit subituri, ac plenam et meram veritatem super inquirendis legitime a vobis et ab ipsis in hac parte, que noveritis et noverint, tunc dicturi, ulteriusque facturi et recepturi, quod qualitas et natura negotii visitacionis nostre huiusmodi, quatenus ad vos et eos attinet, exigunt et requirunt. Et quid feceritis in premissis, ac de nominibus omnium et singulorum monachorum vestrorum per vos premunitorum et citatorum in hac parte, nos vel nostrum seu nostros commissarios dictis die et loco reddere curetem cerciorem vel cerciores literis vestris patentibus habentibus hunc tenorem. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum fecimus his apponi. Datum apud Bardenay in crastino sancti Barnabe apostoli anno Domini millesimo CCC^m sexagesimo sexto.

Nos igitur mandatis vestris parere volentes, auctoritate literarum vestrarum omnes et singulos confratres et commonachos nostros, qui solent seu debent ex hac causa convocari, de visitacione vestra et aliis in vestris literis contentis fecimus premuniri, ipsosque peremptorie citavimus, quatinus dictis die et loco coram vobis seu vestris commissariis pluribus aut uno compareant, visitacionem vestram subituri, facturique ulterius et recepturi, quod secundum negotii qualitatem iuri fuerit consonum et racioni, ac ulterius quod tenor literarum vestrarum exigit et requirit. Nomina vero confratrum nostrorum citatorum in cedula presentibus annexa conscribuntur. Paternitatem vestram reverendam conservet Altissimus per tempora successiva. Datum in monasterio nostro predicto ij die mensis Iuli anno Domini supradicto
Endorsed : Certificacio citacionis pro visitacione monasterii beate Marie in Eboraco. 1^a 2^a ciste.

[334. *Memorandum of a visitation of Bury St. Edmunds.* 1393.]

MS. Cotton, Tiberius B, IX, fo. 69v.

Memorandum quod anno Domini M^l.CCC^m nonagesimo tercio in festo sancti Barnabe apostoli abbas sancti Benedicti de Hulmo visitator deputatus per capitulum generale visitavit per priorem et quemdam alium scolarem illius loci monasterium sancti Edmundi de Bury.

[335. *Citation by the prior of Durham for a visitation of St. Mary's York. 31 Aug., 1401.*]

Durham Reg. III, fo. 1

Citatio facta abbati et capitulo beate Marie Ebor' pro visitacione fienda per priorem Dunelm' visitatorem deputatum per capitulum provinciale¹

Iohannes² prior ecclesie cathedralis Dunelm', per presidentes capituli provincialis nigrorum monachorum ordinis sancti Benedicti apud Northampton ultimo celebrati ad visitandum omnes et singulos abbates et priores abbates proprios non habentes, monasteriaque et conventus eiusdem ordinis nigrorum monachorum infra provinciam Eboracensem secundum formam consilii generalis visitator specialiter deputatus, venerabilibus et religiosis viris abbatи et conventui N. ordinis supradicti, salutem et caritatis sincere continuum incrementum. Quia tercio die mensis Octobris, videlicet die lune proximo post festum sancti Michaelis archangeli proximo iam futur', cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum subsequencium, vos in domo vestra capitulari actualiter intendimus visitare, ad animarum recreacionem et morum reformationem ac religionis salutiferum incrementum; quocirca vos dominum abbatem ac omnes et singulos ipsius conventus auctoritate qua fungimur in hac parte tenore presencium citamus peremptorie, quatenus dictis die et loco coram nobis vel commissariis nostris uno vel pluribus hora capitulari personaliter intersitis, . . vobisque domine abba firmiter inungimus et mandamus, quatenus singulos confratres vestros qui huiusmodi visitacioni de iure vel consuetudine interesse consueverant, premuniat et peremptorie citetis, seu premuniri vel citari peremptorie faciatis, quod dictis die et loco una vobiscum compareant et int̄ersint, visitacionem nostram in forma canonica super hoc tradita impendendam suscepturi et actualiter subituri. Et quid in premissis feceritis, ac de nominibus omnium et singulorum, quos ob premissa citaveritis, nos vel commissarios nostros unum vel plures ad dictum diem et locum per literas vestras patentes harum seriem continentes reddatis dilucide cervices. Datum Dunelm' ultimo die Augusti anno Domini millesimo CCCC^m primo.

[336. *Certificate from Monk Bretton to the prior of Durham, visitor, together with a list of monks. 24 April, 1402.*]

Durham Misc. Ch. 5277.

Venerande religionis viro domino Iohanni Dei gracia priori ecclesie cathedralis Dunelm' ordinis sancti Benedicti, visitatori nostro in hac parte specialiter deputato,³ Willelmus⁴ eadem gracia prior monasterii

¹ This form of citation is found regularly used by Durham, in the Registers, from this date onwards.

² John de Hemingbrough, 1391-1416.

³ actually the prior of Durham was visitor for the whole province of York, cf. No. 335, above.

⁴ Will. de Erdeslay, 1387-1404.

de Monkbreton et eiusdem loci conventus, reverenciam pariter et honores. Literas vestras secundo die mensis Aprilis reverenter receperimus sub hac forma :

Iohannes prior ecclesie cathedralis Dunelm' [recites citation by John prior of Durham to Monk Bretton, for visitation on 24 April : the form = that of No 335, above. Dated Durham 10 March, 1401/2.]

Quarum quidem literarum vestrarum auctoritate omnes et singulos confratres et commonachos nostros monasterii nostri supradicti ad comparendum et personaliter interessendum coram vobis seu commissariis vestris in hac parte sufficienter deputatis sive deputandis in domo nostra capitulari de Monkbreton predicto xxxij^{to} die mensis Aprilis, videlicet in crastino sancti Georgii proximo iam futuro, cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum subsequencium, hora capitulari, citavimus, et huiusmodi terminum eis omnibus et singulis peremptorie assignavimus, quorum omnium et singulorum confratrum nostrorum nomina et cognomina presentibus sunt annexa. Et sic huiusmodi mandatum vestrum in omnibus et per omnia humiliter et reverenter sumus plenarie executi. In quorum omnium et singulorum premissorum testimonium sigillum nostrum commune ad causas presentibus appossumus. Datum in domo nostra capitulari xxxij^{to} die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quadragesimo secundo

[Annexed list of monks, now detached]

- Frater Willemus de Erdeslay prior.
- Frater Iohannes de Crofton subprior.
- Frater Iohannes de Wylmerslay celerarius.
- + Frater Ricardus de Erdeslay.
- + Frater Radulfus Passeelew.
- + Frater Willemus de Bretton.
- + Frater Iohannes de Bothewell.
- + Frater Iohannes de Eboraco precentor.
- + Frater Iohannes de Quallay
- + Frater Iohannes de Felkyrke.
- + Frater Robertus de Wakefelde.
- + Frater Thomas de Dowedale.

[337. Memorandum of a visitation of Bury St. Edmunds. 22 June, 1411.]

MS. Cotton, Tiberius B, IX, fo. 151.

Memorandum quod anno Domini millesimo CCCC^{mō} undecimo in festo sancti Albani martiris, Robertus prior ecclesie cathedralis sancte Trinitatis Norwic', visitator deputatus per capitulum generale, visitavit per dompnū Iohannem Derham et alium monachum illius loci monasterium sancti Edmundi de Bury, abbe existente London in arduis negotiis ecclesie predicte.

[338. *A list of the monks of Selby, probably in connexion with the visitation by Durham, in 1411 or 1426]*

Durham Misc. Ch. 6663.

<i>[column 1]</i>	<i>[column 2]</i>
—a ¹ Iohannes Cave prior ²	—a Thomas Shirburn'
—a Adam Crosseby	—a Iohannes Gaynesburgh'
Nota—a Thomas Warnefeld	—a Iohannes Ousthorp' ⁴
a Iohannes Braweby	—a Iohannes Grayngham
—a Petrus Rouchif	—a Iohannes Hales
—a Thomas Howedan'	—a Thomas Bolton'
—a Robertus Selby	—a Iohannes Rypon'
—a Ricardus Secroft	—a Iohannes Akastr'
—a Thomas Allerton'	—a Thomas Crull'
—a Iohannes Anlaby	—a Ricardus Athelingflet
—a Ricardus Harwod	—a Willemus Newark
—a Iohannes Mylnton'	—a Robertus Pygot
—a Iohannes Coventre	—a Robertus Coupland
—a Iohannes Passalewe	—a Willelmus Bridlyngton'
—a Thomas Drax	—a Willelmus Fullwod
—a Iohannes Crossethwayt	—a Iohannes Selby
—a Petrus Sutton' < consiliar'	—a Iohannes Snayth
etc' > ³	

[339. *Certificate with citation for a visitation of Bury St. Edmunds by the abbot of Colchester. 4 June, 1432.]*

Brit. Mus. Add. MS. 14848, fo. 85^v.

Certificatorium domini abbatis factum abbatii Collecestrie visitatori ordinis ut patet infra.

Venerabili in Christo patri et domino domino Roberto⁵ permissione divina abbatii monasterii Sancti Iohannis Baptiste Collecestrie ordinis sancti Benedicti Londoniensis diocesis, visitatori auctoritate capituli generalis sufficienter et legitime deputato, Willelmus⁶ eadem permissione abbas monasterii sancti Edmundi de Bury ad Romanam ecclesiam nullo medio pertinentis, eam quam decet reverenciam cum honore, Mandatum vestrum reverendum primo die mensis Junii receperimus in hec verba;

Robertus permissione divina abbas monasterii sancti Iohannis Collecestrie ordinis sancti Benedicti Londoniensis diocesis, visitator auctoritate capituli generalis sufficienter et legitime deputatus, reverendo domino, domino Dei gratia abbatii monasterii sancti Edmundi de

¹ each name is preceded by a small paragraph mark, like the letter "a."

² Abbot of Selby, 1429-36. ³ added. ⁴ Abbot of Selby, 1436-66.

⁵ Robert Gryton, 1418-32. ⁶ Will Curteys, 1429-46.

Bury seu ipsius vices gerenti, salutem. Quia nos vos et monasterium vestrum tam in capite, quam in membris septimo decimo die mensis Iunii cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum sequencium, cum omni mansuetudine et humilitate secundum sacrorum canonum instituta dante Domino per nos vel certos commissarios nostros intendimus visitare, prout nobis incumbit et tenemur, igitur vobis committimus et mandamus, quatinus omnes et singulos vestros commonachos et confratres ceterosque qui solent aut debent ex causa visitacionis nostre huiusmodi convocari, de visitacione nostra predicta fienda in debita forma et consueta faciatis premuniri; vos eciam ac omnes et singulos vestros commonachos et confratres ceterosque qui visitacioni nostre tenentur aut debent interesse, tenore presencium citamus, quatinus in domo vestra capitulari die prenotato cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum tunc sequencium coram nobis vel nostro seu nostris commissario seu commissariis personaliter compareatis et compareant, visitacionem nostram huiusmodi iuxta canonicas sancções de iure requisitam et consuetam benigne subituri et recepturi quod iuris et sacre religionis observancia postulat regularis De diebus vero receptionis presencium et quid feceritis in premissis, necnon de nominibus premunitorum et citatorum huiusmodi dictis die et loco distincte et aperte nos vel nostrum seu nostros commissarium vel commissarios certificare curetis per literas vestras patentes harum seriem continentes. Datum in monasterio nostro predicto sub sigillo nostro xv die mensis Maii anno Domini millesimo CCCC^mo tricesimo secundo.

Cuius auctoritate mandati omnes et singulos commonachos nostros et confratres qui solent seu debent ex causa visitacionis vestre huiusmodi convocari, preter tres confratres scolares in universitate Oxon' nunc studentes, quos propter causas legitimas de visitacione vestra huiusmodi nequivimus premunire, de eadem vestra visitacione dieque et loco eiusdem secundum formam nobis in hac parte demandatam fecimus premuniri, eosdem que omnes et singulos, dictis tribus ac duobus capellaniis nostris in arduis negotiis dicti monasterii nostri ex nostra licencia occupatis dumtaxat exceptis, citari fecimus, quatinus dicto septimo decimo die mensis Iunii cum continuacione et prorogacione predictis in domo capitulari nostri monasterii predicti personaliter compareant, vestram visitacionem de qua prefertur subituri, facturi et ulterius recepturi quod tenor dicti mandati exigit et requirit. Quibus die et loco in mandato vestro predicto specificatis, nos in instanti parlimiento et aliis arduis negotiis monasterii nostri predicti London' occupati, vestre visitacioni predicte interesse personaliter non valentes, dilectum nobis in Christo confratrem dominum Iohannem Boon', priorem nostri prefati monasterii, procuratorem nostrum in hac parte legitimum facimus, constituimus et ordinamus per presentes; dantes et concedentis eidem potestatem generalem et mandatum speciale ad comparendum coram vobis nomine nostro dictis die et loco cum con-

tinuacione et prorogacione predictis subitur' factur' et receptur' quod tenor dicti mandati exigit et requirit; ratum et gratum habituri quicquid idem procurator noster rite in hac parte duxerit faciendum. Nomina vero premunitorum et citatorum huiusmodi una cum nominibus dictorum quinque in quadam cedula annexa presentibus continentur. Que omnia et singula vobis per has nostras patentes literas certificamus sigillo nostro in premissorum testimonium consignatas. Datum in hospicio nostro London' quarto die mensis Iunii anno Domini supradicto.

[**339A.** *Reginald, abbot of Gloucester,¹ to Thomas, prior,² and chapter of Worcester.* Cum nuper tempore pie recordacionis ultimi et immediati predecessoris nostri,³ capitulum generale ordinis supradicti apud Northampton' ultimo celebratum ad visitandum omnia et singula monasteria et loca religiosa dicti ordinis nigrorum monachorum ac personas in eis degentes in diocese Wygorniensis abbatem monasterii sancti Petri predicti [*Gloucester*] in genere statuit, decrevit et deputavit; et quia idem predecessor noster ab hac luce migravit, dicte visitacionis negocio penitus pretermisso, nos frater Reginaldus abbas monasterii sancti Petri Glouc' predicti, cui pertinet et incumbit idem visitacionis onus, nolentes tantum et tam necessarium opus oculis conniventibus preterire, ne quod absit, ipsum negocium periat sine fructu, *he cites the prior and chapter of Worcester for visitation on 19 June. Dated Gloucester 30 May, 1438. Worcester, Liber Albus, fo. ccclviii.]*

[**340.** *Certificate with citation for a visitation of Winchester cathedral priory by the abbot of Hyde. 10 June, 1462.]*

Winchester Cathedral, Reg. I., fo. 89.

Certificacio super mandato abbatis de Hyda visitatoris anno Domini M° CCCC° lxii°.

Venerabili in Christo patri ac domino, domino Thome⁴ permissione divina abbati de Hyda, Robertus Westgat⁵ eadem permissione prior ecclesie cathedralis sancti Swithuni Wynton', eam quam⁶ decet reverenciam cum honore. Mandatum vestrum vicesimo octavo die Maii anno Domini millesimo cccc° lxii° recepimus, sub eo qui sequitur tenere :

Thomas permissione divina abbas monasterii sancti Petri de Hyde iuxta Wynton' ordinis sancti Benedicti, per reverendos patres ultimi capituli generalis ipsius ordinis Northampton' celebrati presidentes ad visitandum ecclesiam cathedralem sancti Swithuni Wynton' ordinis eiusdem visitator legitime deputatus, venerabili in Christo patri domino Roberto priori ecclesie cathedralis predicte eiusdemque ordinis, salutem

¹ Reginald Boulers, 1437-50; he succeeded c. Oct., 1437.

² Thomas Ledbury, 1438-44.

⁴ Tho. Bramley, 1440-65.

³ John Morwent, 1420-37.

⁵ 1457-70.

⁶ sic.

et fraterne dilectionis continuum incrementum. Quia nos vicesimo primo die mensis Iunii proximo futuro, cum continuacione et prorogacione si oportuerit dierum tunc sequentium, ecclesiam vestram memoratam in domo capitulari eiusdem hora capituli consueta auctoritate predicta iuxta canonicas sanctiones observanciasque regulares actualiter et debite Deo favente intendimus visitare, vos dominum priorem prefatum cum reverencia debita tenore presentium peremtorie citamus, ac per vos omnes et singulos vestre obediencie commonachos et confratres simili modo citari volumus et mandamus, quod compareatis et compareant coram nobis aut nostro vel nostris, si nos tunc impediri contigerit, in hac parte commissario vel commissariis, die, loco et hora prelibatis, onus visitacionis huiusmodi humiliter subituri, facturique ulterius et recepturi in premissis et ea tangentibus, quod canonicis convenit institutis et negoti qualitas exigit et natura. De die vero receptionis presentium ac quid feceritis et faciendum duxeritis in premissis, nos aut nostrum commissarium vel commissarios die, loco et hora suprascriptis, per literas vestras patentes harum seriem nominaque et cognomina ut premittitur citandorum in cedula eisdem literis vestris annexenda plenus continent, sigillo vestro signatas, distincte et clare curetis reddere certiores. In quarum omnium testimonium sigillum nostrum apposuimus. Datum in monasterio nostro supra dicto vicesimo octavo die Maii anno Domini¹ m° CCCC° lxii°.

Cui quidem mandato quo ad evocationem confratrum nostrorum absentium et monitionem presentium, necnon quo ad omnia alia et singula que natura mandati vestri exigit et requirit, paruimus et in omnibus parebimus reverenter. Et nos licet personaliter comparere non possumus causis rationabilibus et legitimis impedientibus, vestram tamen visitacionem iuxta canonicas sanctiones humiliter volumus admittere et pro ea parte in omnibus licitis obedire. Nomina vero omnium nostrum et singulorum de conventu in cedula hiis annexa continentur. Et sic mandatum vestrum in omnibus sumus executi. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Datum in monasterio nostro predicto decimo die mensis Iunii anno Domini supradicto.

[341. *A list of the monks of Colchester, appended to a certificate² from the abbot of Colchester to the abbot of Westminster, visitor. 16 June, 1465.]*

Westminster Abbey Muniment 12774 B.

Dompnus abbas³

Johannes Cleve prior

Thomas Thursteyn

¹ supradict' struck through.

² John Canon, 1464-8.

² = W.A.M. 12774; cf. p. 223

Ricardus Coksale subprior
Walterus Stanstede
Henricus Bynton
Thomas Norwyche
Iohannes Goueld
Thomas Colchester
Hugo Bassyngborne
Willelmus Thetford
Iohannes Clare
Iohannes Pay[n]e
Ricardus Colchester
Willelmus Tynte
Willelmus Bury
Willelmus Myche
Thomas Thakstede
Thomas Bury <.r'fec . . hest' . vasa/.>
Iohannes Haverel
Iohannes Hatfeld
Iohannes Tauntun
Iohannes Fordham
Willelmus Carbrook
Rogerus Colchester
Edmundus Colchester
Fuit homo missus¹

[342. A list of the monks of St. Albans, apparently belonging to a certificate² from the prior of St. Albans (during vacancy) to the abbot of Ramsey, visitor. 20 June, 1492.]

British Museum Add. Ch. 34350.

[.] ³

- + Dompnus Thomas Newla[nd] prior Pembrochie + coquinarius.
- + Dompnus Iohannes Eyton gistararius.
- + Dompnus Thomas Albon' prior Redbornie.
- + Dompnus Thomas Wylton bursarius +
- + Dompnus Iohannes [. . . .] bacalarus in theologia.
- + Dompnus Wi[...] Wysbeche gistararius.
- + Dompnus Wi[...]s Lychefelde magister nove ordinacionis.
- + Dompnus Thomas Roos gistararius.
- + Dompnus Galfridus Wynter custos feretri.
- + Dompnus Willelmus Duxwell subprior.

¹ A pen-try.

² = Add. Ch. 33687, cf. above, p. 223; and cf. Reg. Abb. John Whetham-stede (R. S.), II, p. 230-2 (1480).

³ torn away at top; this is a roll $4\frac{1}{2} \times c.18$ in.

- + Dompnus Willelmus Howden.
- + Dompnus Nicholaus Kyrkeby precentor.
- + Dompnus Iohannes Barnett.
- + Dompnus Henricus Martyn camerarius.
- + Dompnus Willelmus Rysburgh custos monialium de Sopwell.
Dompnus Georgius Colt cellararius +
- + Dompnus Iohannes Wolman bacalarius in theologia et elemosinarius +
- + Dompnus Ricardus Runham sacrista
- + Dompnus Thomas Loryng primus scrutator et subelemosinarius.
- + Dompnus Willelmus Malehurst.
- + Dompnus Iohannes Strenger subcellerarius
- + Dompnus Willelmus Andrew magister noviciorum.
- + Dompnus Thomas Barly subinfirmarius.
- + Dompnus Willelmus Frysell.
- + Dompnus Thomas Bornham custos hostrie conventus.
- + Dompnus Willelmus Runham succentor.
- + Dompnus Ricardus Felde subrefectorarius.
- + Domp[nus W]illelmus Lythyng capellanus prioris.
[. . . . W]illelmus Martyn tercius prior.
- [. . D]ompnus Iohannes Smyth.
[. .] Dompnus Thomas Rutlande.
- + Dompnus Iohannes Martyn tercius scrutator.
- + Dompnus Erly instructor noviciorum.
- + Dompnus Iohannes Lythyng secundus scrutator.
- + Dompnus Willelmus Russbroke.
- + Dompnus Willelmus Walden.
- + Dompnus Stephanus Brantyngham capellanus nuper domini abbatis.
- + Dompnus Robertus Wynturborne subsacrista.
- + Dompnus Nicholaus Dunstable.
- + Dompnus Thomas Stroude subcamerarius.
- + Dompnus Willelmus Formby.
- + Dompnus Thomas Martyn.
- + Dompnus Ranulphus Eyton.
- + Dompnus Thomas Islam.
- + Dompnus Thomas Whyte.
- + Dompnus Thomas Barnett.
- + Dompnus Edwardus London.
- + Dompnus Iohannes Clare.

omnes isti sunt sacerdotes

Novicii non presbiteri

- + Do. Thomas Olyver.
- + Do. Edmundus Albon.
- + Do. Thomas Shrewesbury.

- + Do. Iohannes Abraham.
- + Do. Ricardus Wynslow.
- + Do. Willelmus Redyng.

[added in another hand, small, informal, hasty:]

- De iuvene raso et excluso [?].
- Pro priore Penbrochie absente
- Pro servientibus male confratribus dicentibus responsa.
- De serviente vendente cervisia et alia.
- De presidentibus male tractantibus iuvenes.
- De mala administracione victualium iuvenibus, et perversis responsis.
- De compoto reddendo super prioratu Penbrochie.
- De expulsione prioris Beverre per unum celle sue.
- De manutencionia potencie secularis.
- De observancia divini servitii.

[343. Certificate with citation for a visitation of Durham by the abbot of Winchcombe. 28 March, 1513.]

Durham Reg. Parvum, II, fo. 194.

Certificat[orium] abbati monasterii Wynchelcumbens[is] pro visit[acione].]

Venerabili in Christo patri et domino, domino Ricardo¹ permissione divina abbati monasterii Winchelcumbensis Wigorniensis diocesis ordinis sancti Benedicti, abbatum, priorum, monasteriorum et aliorum locorum eiusdem ordinis infra regnum Anglie existencium visitatori auctoritate capituli provincialis eiusdem ordinis London' ultimo celebrati deputato, vestrisve in hac parte commissarius pluribus aut uni, Thomas² eadem permissione prior ecclesie cathedralis Dunelm' ordinis supradicti, obedienciam in hac parte debitam cum honore. Literas vestras reverendas vicesimo quarto die instantis mensis Marcii recepiimus, tenorem qui sequitur continentes:

Ricardus divina permissione monasterii Winchelcumbensis cenobii³ ordinis divi Benedicti Wigorniensis diocesis humilis minister, ac ad visitandum nonnulla eiusdem ordinis cenobia infra regnum Anglie hinc inde dispersa per dominos presidentes in ultimo nostro provinciali capitulo Londun celebrato legitime deputatus, reverendo in Christo patri et domino, domino priori de Duram sive Dunelmensis cenobii et eiusdem loci conventui, salutem in omnium Salvatore, in augmento caritatis et regularis observancie. Quum nobis ratione officii supradicti incumbit de statu dictorum cenobiorum tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus et de observancia regulari in eisdem diligenter inquirere ac investigare, necnon et ea que correccione vel reformacione indigent, debite corrigere ac reformare, eciam omnia alia et singula que ad huiusmodi visitacionis officium aut de iure aut consuetudine pertinent, iuste

¹ Richard Kidderminster, 1488-1525.

² Thomas Castell, 1494-1519.

³ sic MS.

et misericorditer exercere ; et cum inter cetera cenobia nostre visitacioni subiecta monasterium de Duram connumeratum existit ; vobis igitur per presentes significare curavimus, ac premunitos esse volumus, quod vos et monasterium vestrum predictum tam in capite quam membris pridie kalend' Aprilis post datum presencium proxime futur', cum continuacione et prorogacione prout opus fuerit dierum extunc sequencium, in domo vestra capitulari hora capituli consueta, per nos aut nostros in hac parte commissarios (Deo favente) actualiter visitare decrevimus, et omnia et singula ad visitacionis officium expectancia,¹ prout salutem animarum et sacre religionis observanciam concernere videntur, divina mediante gratia diligenter exercere. Ad quem idcirco diem cum continuacione et prorogacione huiusmodi, ut prefertur, vos reverendum patrem dominum priorem predictum cum ea que decet reverencia premunimus per presentes, et per vos omnes et singulos dicti vestri monasterii monachos et confratres, tam presentes quam eciam absentes similiter premuniri volumus et mandamus, ut coram nobis seu nostro ut prediximus commissario nostrisve commissariis in visitacione nostra huusmodi, prout tenemini et tenantur, intersitis et intersint, compareatis et compareant dictis die et loco ac eciam hora competenti, nostram tunc visitacionem ibidem recepturi, subituri et facturi in | hac parte, prout

fo. 194^v.

qualitas et natura negotii visitacionis nostre predicte exigit et requirit. De die vero receptionis presentium vel quod feceritis aut facere decreveritis seu faciendum duxeritis in premissis, nos nostrumve commissarium seu commissarios die et loco predictis certificare curetis per literas vestras patentes harum seriem ac omnium confratrum vestrorum nomina et cognomina in scedula separatim literis vestris certificatoris in hac parte conscripta atque annexa apercius continentes. *Datum* apud Selby xij die kalendas Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo duodecimo.

Quarum quidem literarum vestrarum auctoritate, nos omnes et singulos commonachos et confratres nostros, qui solent seu debent predicte vestre visitacioni personaliter interesse, premunimus et peremptorie citavimus, quorum nomina et cognomina in scedula presenti nostra certificatoria annexa conscribuntur, quod predicto pridie kalendas Aprilis et aliis diebus subsequentibus ad quos fiet prorogacio vestra auctoritate si oporteat, in domo nostra capitulari coram vobis seu commissariis vestris uno vel pluribus compareanti personaliter et intersint, visitacionem vestram huiusmodi humiliter subituri, recepturique et admissuri omnia et singula que ipsius visitacionis vestre negotium de iure exigit seu requirit ; nosque eisdem die et loco coram vobis seu commissariis vestris ut prefertur comparere intendimus legitime (Deo annuente) ; sicque mandatum vestrum reverendum sumus humiliter prout decet in omnibus executi. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. *Datum* Dunelm' vicesimo octavo die mensis Marcii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo terciodecimo.

¹ sic MS.

TABLE OF VISITATION

For the sources,

(a. = abbot. p. = prior.)

<i>Date of Citation.</i>	<i>Visitor.</i>	<i>Visitor's District</i>	<i>Prelate to be Visited</i>
[o. Mar.–April ? 1366]	Thomas, a., Bardney	d. York, Durham, Carlisle	—, a., Selby
12 June, 1366	Thomas, a., Bardney	d. York, Durham, Carlisle	Will, a., St. Mary's, York
4 Sept., 1367	Will, a., Reading	d. Winchester, Chichester	Hamo, a., Battle
16 Aug., 1369	John, a., Walden	d. London	Nich., a., Westminster
5 [o. 1359–71]	Walter, a., Winchcomb	d. Bath, Exeter, Salisbury	Tho., a., Muchelney
[c. 1369–74]	Rich, a., Colchester	d. London	Nich., a., Westminster
3 April, 1372	—, a., Evesham	d. Worcester, Lichfield	—, p., Worcester
23 May, 1378	John, a., Gloucester	d. Worcester	—, p., Worcester
20 June, 1378	John, a., Chertsey	m. Westminster	Nich., a., Westminster
10 30 Aug., 1380	Walter, a., Winchcomb	d. Worcester	—, p., Worcester
10 April, 1381	Rob, p., Durham	d. York, Durham, Carlisle	John, a., Whitby
14 April, 1381	Rob., p., Durham	d. York, Durham, Carlisle	Will., a., St. Mary's, York
[c. 1374–91]	John, a., Whitby	d. York, Durham, Carlisle	Rob., p., Durham
31 July, 1382	Mich., a., St. Aug., Canterbury	d. Rochester, Canterbury, Chichester	John, p., Rochester
15 20 May, 1384	Roger, a., Evesham	d. Worcester	—, p., Worcester
28 May, 1384	Henry, a., Peterborough	d. Lincoln	Tho., a., St. Albans
10 April [1387] ²	Walter, a., Gloucester	m. Worcester	—, p., Worcester
21 March, 1390	Robert, a., Cerne	m. St. Swithun's, Winchester	Rob., p., St. Swithun's
20 5 April, 1390	John, p., Worcester	m. Tewkesbury	Tho., a., Tewkesbury
5 April, 1390	John, p., Worcester	—	Walter, a., Winchcomb
5 [April, 1390]	—, p., Worcester	—	Walter, a., Gloucester
18 April, 1390	Walter, a., Malmesbury	—	—, p., Worcester ⁴
4 May, 1390	John, p., Worcester	d. Worcester	—, p., Little Malvern
21 May, 1390	—, p., Worcester	m. Evesham	Roger, a., Evesham
21 May, 1390	—, p., Worcester	—	Tho., a., Pershore
21 May, 1390	John, p., Rochester	m. Battle	John, a., Battle
21 May, 1390	Alex., p., Norwich	d. Ely and Norwich	Will, a., Bury St. Edm.

¹ Certificate only, citation omitted.³ On 26 April, the abbot of Gloucester postpones visitation to 1 June, on account of
⁴ 21 May, 1390, John, p., Worcester, certifies receipt of citation on 12 May, to abbot of Winchcombe in 1390, as above. Worcester, I, fo. 353^v.

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see p. 197 above

d = diocese. m = monastery)

	<i>Date of Visitation.</i>	<i>Citation Received.</i>	<i>Date of Certificate</i>	<i>Source.</i>
	monday after S Mark (?) (= 27 April)	—	—	Selby, III, fo. 161v
	3 July	20 June	3 July	Durham Misc Ch. 2607
	28 Sept	8 Sept.	—	Battle, I, fo. 29v
	11 Sept	—	—	Westm. Abbey Mun. 12776
5	—	7 April	—	¹ Muchelney II, fo. vv
	wed after 24 June	—	—	Westm. Abbey Mun. 12774*
	16 April	11 April	15 April	Worcester, I, fo. 260v
	25 June	—	—	Worcester, I, fo. 272
	4 July	—	—	Westm. Abbey Mun. 12775
10	17 Sept.	3 Sept.	10 Sept.	Worcester, I, fo. 306
	10 June	—	—	Durham Misc Ch. 6681
	14 June	9 May	14 June	Durham, I, fo. 196
	—	30 May	—	Durham, I, fo. 197
	13 Oct	—	—	Rochester, I, fo. 12
15	18 June	30 May	Corpus Christi [= 10 June]	Worcester, I, fo. 284
	16 June	6 June	—	St Albans, I, fo. 41
	2 May ³	13 April 26 March	19 May 16 April	Worcester, I, fo. 320 Winchester, I, fo. 5v
	—	—	—	
20	18 April	10 April	16 April	Worcester, I, fo. 352v
	19 April	11 April	18 April	Worcester, I, fo. 353
	1 April [sic]	12 April	19 April	Worcester, I, fo. 353
	27 May	—	—	Worcester, I, fo. 353
	16 May	7 May	16 May	Worcester, I, fo. 353
	31 May	23 May	25 May	Worcester, I, fo. 353v
	30 May	22 May	30 May	Worcester, I, fo. 353v
25	13 June	22 May	13 June	Rochester, I, fo. 41
	22 June	23 May	21 June	Bury St. Edm., I, fo. 40v-x

² MS. 1388, but surrounding documents = 1387.
business. Worcester, I, fo. 320v.

Winchcombe, visitor; this is probably a mistake for Malmesbury, for Worcester visited

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<i>Date of Citation</i>	<i>Visitor.</i>	<i>Visitor's District</i>	<i>Prelate to be Visited.</i>
24 May, 1390	Will., a., Bury St Edm.	m Walden	—, a., Walden
14 June, 1390	Rob., a., Faversham	m Rochester	John, p., Rochester
11 May, 1393	John, p., Rochester	m Faversham	Rob., a., Faversham
11 May, 1393	John, p., Rochester	m St. Aug., Canterbury	Will., a., St. Aug., Cant.
5 11 May, 1393	John, p., Rochester	m Dover	John, p., Dover
17 May, 1393	Roger, a., Evesham	d Worcester	John, p., Worcester
22 May, 1393 [1393]	Will., a., Westminster	m Rochester	John, p., Rochester
25 May, 1396	—, a., St. Benet Holme ¹	—	Bury St. Edm
10 1 June, 1396	Will., a., St Aug., Canterbury	d Canterbury, Rochester	John, p., Rochester
6 May, 1399	Walter, a., Gloucester	d. Worcester	John, p., Worcester
9 May, 1399	Thomas, a., Pershore	d Worcester	John, p., Worcester
10 May, 1399	John, p., Worcester	m Shrewsbury	Nich., a., Shrewsbury
31 Aug., 1401	Will., p., Dover	d. Canterbury, Rochester	John, p., Rochester
	John, p., Durham	prov. York	Tho., a., St. Mary's, York
15 31 Aug., 1401	John, p., Durham	prov. York	Tho., a., Whitby
[1401]	John, p., Durham ²	[prov. York]	John, a., Selby
10 March, 1402	John, p., Durham	prov. York	Will., p., Monk Bretton
15 May, 1402	Galfr., a., Colchester	m. Rochester	—, p., Rochester
11 April, 1405	Will., a., Winchcomb	d. Worcester	—, p., Worcester
20 20 May, 1405	Will., a., Battle	m Rochester and others	John, p., Rochester
12 June, 1405	Rich., a., Abingdon	m. St Swithun's, Winchester	Tho., p., St Swithun's, W., D D.
	27 April, 1408	—	John, p., Rochester
	Tho., a., St. Aug., Canterbury	d Canterbury, Rochester and Chichester	
	Tho., a., Thorney	d Lincoln	John, a., Peterborough
	Will., a., Selby	prov. York	John, p., Durham
25 [1411]	Rob., p., Norwich ²	—	Bury St. Edmunds
	John, p., Durham	prov. York	Tho., a., Whitby
	John, p., Durham	prov. York	Tho., a., St. Mary's, York
	29 April, 1414	—	John, a., Peterborough
	14 May, 1414	d Lincoln	Will., a., Bury St. Edm.
	Tho., a., St. Benet Holme	d. Norwich, Ely	John, p., Durham
30 4 May, 1417	Will Dalton, p., St. Mary's, York ³	prov. York	Will., a., Bury St. Edm.
20 April, 1420	Edm., p., Ely	d Ely, Norwich	—, a., Evesham
13 May, 1420	Hugh, a., Gloucester	d Worcester	

¹ Memorandum only.² Commissary of the visitor, Thomas, abbot of St. Mary's York,

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<i>Date of Visitation.</i>	<i>Citation Received</i>	<i>Date of Certificate</i>	<i>Source.</i>
16 June	—	—	Bury St. Edm., I, fo. 40 ^v
28 June	15 June	28 June	Rochester, I, fo. 40 ^v
16 June	12 May	16 June	Rochester, I, fo. 60
17 June	12 May	15 June	Rochester, I, fo. 61
19 June	14 May	19 June	Rochester, I, fo. 62
2 June	20 May	31 May	Worcester, I, fo. 366 ^v
25 June	27 May	24 June	Rochester, I, fo. 63 ^v
11 June	—	—	Bury St Edm., I, fo. 69 ^v
27 June	8 June	26 June	Rochester, I, fo. 77 ^v
14 June	4 June	11 June	Worcester, I, fo. 382 ^v
27 May	10 May	18 May	Worcester, I, fo. 398 ^v
3 June	'nuper'	3 June	Worcester, I, fo. 399 ^v
19 June	22 May	13 June	Rochester, I, fo. 87
3 Oct.	'nuper'	6 Sept [sic]	Durham, II, fo. 1
3 Oct	6 Sept	28 Sept.	Durham Misc Ch. 6683, cf. Durham, II, fo. 2 ^v
—	4 Sept.	7 Oct.	Durham, II, fo. 2 ^v
24 April	2 April	24 April	Durham Misc. Ch. 5277
5 June	—	—	Rochester, I, fo. 111
13 May	—	—	Worcester, I, fo. 423
22 June	29 May	21 June	Rochester, I, fo. 104
1 July	—	—	Winchester, I, fo. 23 ^v
31 May	8 May	29 May	Rochester, I, fo. 100 ^v
25 May	—	24 May	Peterborough, I, fo. 54
22 June	—	21 June	Durham, VI, fo. 15
22 June	—	—	Bury St. Edm., I, fo. 15 ^r
11 Sept.	—	11 Sept.	Durham Misc. Ch. 7024
9 Oct.	27 Aug.	9 Oct.	Durham Misc. Ch. 7024
4 June	—	2 June	Peterborough, I, fo. 6 ^r
6 June	16 May	5 June	Bury St. Edm., I, fo. 162
21 June	17 May	20 June	Durham, II, fo. 53 ^v
6 May	22 [April]	—	Bury St. Edm., I, fo. 191
13 June	—	—	Evesham, I, fo. 5 ^v

² Certificate only
who had to attend the Council of Constance.

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<i>Date of Citation.</i>	<i>Visitor.</i>	<i>Visitor's District</i>	<i>Prelate to be Visited.</i>
24 May, 1420	Will., a., Bury St. Edm.	—	—, a., Colchester
16 April, 1423	Edm., p., Ely	m Ramsey	—, a., Ramsey
19 April, 1423	Tho., a., Thorney	d Ely, Norwich	—, p., Ely
20 April, 1423	Will., a., Selby	prov. York	John, p., Durham
5 27 April, 1423	Will., a., Pershore	—	—, a., Evesham
3 April, 1426	Galfr., a., Bardney	d York, Durham, Carlisle	John, p., Durham
6 April, 1426	John, a., Peterborough	d. Lincoln	Galfr., a., Bardney. ¹
22 April, 1426	John, p., Durham	prov. York	—, a., St. Mary's, York
22 April, 1426	John, p., Durham ²	—	—, a., Whitby
22 April, 1426	John, p., Durham ²	—	—, a., Selby
27 April, 1426	John, a., St Albans	m. St Aug., Canterbury	—, p., Monk Bretton
[1426]	Prior and cellarer of Peterborough ²	—	Marcellus, a., St. Aug., Canterbury
4 May, 1429	Galfr., a., Bardney	d. Lincoln	St Albans
15 6 May, 1429	Ric., a., St Benet's Holme	d. Norwich, Ely	John, a., Peterbor- ough
[1429]	prior and monk of Bardney ²	—	Will., a., Bury St. 15 Edm.
11 April, 1432	John, a., Whitby	prov. York	John, p., Durham
30 April, 1432	Will., a., Bury	d. Ely, Norwich	p., Ely
1 May, 1432	Will., a., Bury	—	a., Thorney
20 1 May, 1432	Will., a., Bury	—	a., St. Benet 20 Holme
1 May, 1432	Will., a., Bury	—	p., Norwich
15 May, 1432	Rob., a., Colchester	—	Will., a., Bury St. Edm.
15 May, 1432	John, a., Croyland	d. Lincoln	John, a., Peterborough
25 25 May, 1432	John, a., Peterborough	m. Walden	—, a., Walden
10 April, 1435	John, a., St. Albans	d. Lincoln	John, a., Peterborough 25
17 April, 1435	John, p., Durham	—	—, a., Whitby
17 April, 1438	John, p., Durham	prov. York	Rich., p., Monk Bretton
28 April, 1435	Will., p., Ely	d. Norwich, Ely	Will., a., Bury St. Edm.
[1438]	—, a., Thorney ²	—	Bury St. Edm.
30 3 May, 1441	Will., a., Pershore	—	John, a., Evesham
4 May, 1441	John, a., St. Mary's, York	prov. York	John, p., Durham 30
24 May, 1441	Will., a., Bury St. Edm	m Ramsey	a., Ramsey
27 May, 1441	John, p., Norwich	d. Ely, Norwich	Will., a., Bury St. Edm.

¹ Note: Consumilia mandata directa fuerunt mon. et priorat. de Curland, Ramsey, Sancti

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	<i>Date of Visitation.</i>	<i>Citation Received.</i>	<i>Date of Certificate.</i>	<i>Source.</i>
5	18 June	—	—	Bury St. Edm., I, fo. 191 ^v
	18 May	—	—	Ely, I, fo. 9
	20 May	—	—	Ely, I, fo. 9
	21 June	—	21 June	Durham, II, fo. 101
	20 May	11 April	13 May	Evesham, I, fo. 25 ^v
	22 April	—	—	Durham, VI, fo. 33
	6 June	—	—	Peterborough, I, fo. 129
10	3 June	—	—	Durham, VI, fo. 32 ^v
	8 June	—	—	Durham, VI, fo. 33
	11 June	—	—	Durham, VI, fo. 33
	3 June	—	—	Somerset House, Reg. Stoneham, fo. 72
	7 June	—	—	St. Albans, II (i), p. 10
	13 June	21 May	11 June	Peterborough, I, fo. 140 ^v
	15	3 June	8 May	3 June
20	18 June	—	—	St. Albans, II (i), p. 38
	12 May	—	10 May	Durham, VI, fo. 57
	19 May	—	—	Bury St. Edm., II, fo. 85 ^v
	22 May	—	—	Bury St. Edm., II, fo. 86
	20	4 June	—	Bury St. Edm., II, fo. 86
	2 June	—	—	Bury St. Edm., II, fo. 86
	17 June	1 June	4 June	Bury St. Edm., II, fo. 85 ^v
25	12 June	18 May	10 June	Peterborough, I, fo. 145
	17 June	—	—	Peterborough, I, fo. 145 ^v
	12 May	19 April	12 May	Peterborough, I, fo. 152 ^v –4
	—	—	12 May	Durham Misc. Ch. 7024
	30 June	10 May	30 June	Durham Misc Ch 7024
	16 May	1 May	14 May	Bury St. Edm., II, fo. 140 ^v
	29 May	—	—	Bury St. Edm., II, fo. 328
30	31 May	9 May	30 May	<i>Monasticon</i> , II, 21
	29 May	8 May	20 May	Durham, VI, fo. 139 ^v , Durham Misc Ch, 7024
	20 June	—	—	Bury St. Edm., III, fo. 128
	23 June	28 May	18 June	Bury St. Edm., III, fo. 127

Albani, Enysham, Luffeld, Bradwell, Snelleshale, et Daventre.

² Memorandum only.

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<i>Date of Citation</i>	<i>Visitor.</i>	<i>Visitor's District.</i>	<i>Prelate to be Visited</i>
2 April, 1444 —, 1444 16 May, 1444	Hugh, a., Whitby Rich., a., Peterborough John, a., Thorney	prov York d Lincoln m. Peterborough ¹	John, p., Durham a., Bardney Rich., a., Peterborough
5 16 May, 1444 1 April, 1447	John, a., Evesham John, a., Selby	d. Worcester prov York	John, p., Worcester Will., p., Durham
12 May, 1447	John, a., Eynsham	d Lincoln	Rich., a., Peterborough
1 April, 1450 4 April, 1450 2 May, 1450 10 [1450]	Will., p., Durham Will., p., Durham ³ Rich., p., Coventry Will., p., Durham	prov York prov York m. Durham	Hugh, a., Whitby —, a., St. Mary's, York Will., p., Durham Rich., p., Monk Bretton
19 May, 1453 3 June, 1453 26 March, 1456 2 April, 1456 15 28 [March?] 1459 24 April, 1459	Will., p., Durham John, p., Worcester Hugh, a., Whitby Rich., a., Peterborough John, a., Selby John, a., Ramsey	m Coventry d Worcester prov York m Norwich prov York d Lincoln	—, p., Coventry —, p., Little Malvern —, p., Durham —, p., Norwich —, p., Durham Rich., a., Peterborough
5 May, 1459 1 May, 1462 28 May, 1462	Edm., a., Pershore Rich., a., Peterborough Tho., a., Hyde	d Worcester d. Lincoln m. St. Swithun's, Winchester	Tho., p., Worcester a., Bardney Rob., p., St Swithun's, W.
20 14 June, 1462	Tho., p., Worcester	—	—, a., Burton-on-Trent
12 May, 1465 22 May, 1465 3 June, 1465 4 June, 1465 25 29 March, 1468 7 April, 1468 [1474] 1 March, 1474 [1474]	Geo., a., Westminster Rich., p., Durham Rich., a., Gloucester Rich., a., Peterborough Rob., a., Eynsham Will., a., Winchcomb a., St. Albans ⁴ John, a., Tewkesbury Rob., p., Worcester	d London prov. York d. Worcester d. Lincoln d. Lincoln d. Worcester m. Glastonbury d Worcester m. Shrewsbury	John, a., Colchester a., Selby Tho., p., Worcester Will., a., St. Albans Will., a., St. Albans Tho., p., Worcester —, a., Glastonbury Rob., p., Worcester —, a., Shrewsbury
30 11 April, 1474 4 May, 1474 — May, 1474 10 March, 1477 34 20 April, 1480	John, a., Muchelney Rich., a., Bardney Will., a., Peterborough John, a., Selby Peter, a., Sherborne	d Bath & Wells, Exeter d. Lincoln m Ely prov. York d. Salisbury	John, a., Tavistock Will., a., Peterborough —, p., Ely Rich., p., Durham John, a., Reading

¹ So in citation; in certificate = d. Ely.² MS. Bodley 692, fo. 107, gives a³ Memorandum follows of citations issued to Whitby, Selby, and Monk Bretton, but no

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	<i>Date of Visitation</i>	<i>Citation Received.</i>	<i>Date of Certificate</i>	<i>Source</i>
5	25 May	10 April	20 May	Durham, VI, fo. 185
	25 May	—	—	Peterborough, II, fo. 12
	9 June	18 May	6 June	Peterborough, II, fo. 12
	27 May	18 May	25 May	Worcester, I, fo. 475 ²
10	2 May	5 April	12 April	Durham, III, fo. 54, VII, fo. 15, and Canterbury Cathedral, Cart. Ant. S. 349A
	7 June	14 May	6 June	Peterborough, II, fo. 21
	4 May	9 April	2 May	Durham Misc. Ch. 7024
	7 May	—	—	Durham, VII, fo. 36 ^v
15	1 June	9 May	29 May	Durham, VII, fo. 37 ^v
	18 May	—	—	Durham Misc. Ch. 7024
	30 June	—	—	Durham, VII, fo. 58
	21 June	4 June	21 June	MS. Bodley 692 fo. 33 ^v
20	29 April	—	—	Durham Misc. Ch. 259I
	31 May	—	—	Peterborough, II, fo. 38
	24 Apr.	—	—	Durham Misc. Ch. 7024
	11 June	2 May	8 May	Peterborough, II, fo. 48
25	22 May	6 May	20 May	Worcester, II, fo. 6 ^v
	14 May	—	—	Peterborough, II, fo. 56 ^v
	21 June	28 May	10 June	Winchester, I, fo. 89
	1 July	—	—	Worcester, II, fo. 21 ^v
30	17 June	29 May	16 June	Westm. Abbey Mun. 12774 A-B
	14 June	—	4 June	Durham Misc. Ch. 6872
	19 June [sic]	6 June	20 June	Worcester, II, fo. 37
	25 June	17 June	19 June	St Albans, III (ii), pp. 47-9
34	20 April	1 April	18 April	St Albans, III (ii), pp. 76-8
	27 April	8 April	22 April	Worcester, II, fo. 49 ^v
	6 March	—	—	St Albans, III (ii), p. 117
	19 April	2 March	6 March	Worcester, II, fo. 81
34	24 May	—	—	Worcester, II, fo. 81
	18 June	1 June	14 June	Muchelney, I, fo. 20 ^v
	15 June	14 May	13 June	Peterborough, II, fo. 78 ^{v-9}
	21 June	—	—	Peterborough, II, fo. 79
	30 April	19 March	2 April	Durham, VII, fo. 172 ^v
	22 June	1 May	14 June	Reading, I, fo. 91 ^{v-2}

citation from Worcester to Evesham, of same date, 16 May, 1444, for visitation on 27 May.
date for visitations given.

⁴ Memorandum.

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<i>Date of Citation.</i>	<i>Visitor.</i>	<i>Visitor's District</i>	<i>Prelate to be Visited.</i>
16 May, 1480	Rob., p., Durham	prov. York	—, p., Monkbreton
16 May, 1480	Rob., p., Durham ¹	prov. York	—, a., Selby
16 May, 1480	Rob., p., Durham ¹	prov. York	—, a., St. Mary's, York
16 May, 1480	Rob., p., Durham ¹	prov. York	—, a., Whitby
5 2 June, ² 1480	John, a., Westminster	m. St. Albans	Will., a., St. Albans
23 April, 1485	Will., a., Muchelney	d. Bath & Wells, Exeter	—, a., Glastonbury
5 May, 1486	Will., a., St. Mary's, York	prov. York	John, p., Durham
27 June, 1486	John, p., Durham	m. St. Swithun's, Winchester	—, p., St. Swithun's, W.
10 20 May, 1492	Will., a., Whitby	prov. York	John, p., Durham
21 May, 1492	John, a., Ramsey	d. Lincoln	—, a., Peterborough
23 May, 1492	John, a., Ramsey	d. Lincoln	—, a., St. Albans ³
2 June, 1492	Tho., p., Rochester	m. Westminster	John, a., Westminster
8 June, 1492	John, p., Durham	m. St. Swithun's, Winchester	—, p., St. Swithun's, W.
15 27 April, 1495	Laurence, a., Selby	prov. York	Tho., p., Durham
5 May, 1498	Tho., p., Durham	prov. York	—, a., Whitby
5 May, 1498	Tho., p., Durham ¹	prov. York	—, a., St. Mary's, York
5 May, 1498	Tho., p., Durham ¹	prov. York	—, a., Selby
5 May, 1498	Tho., p., Durham ¹	prov. York	—, p., Monkbreton
5 May, 1498	Tho., p., Durham ⁴	m. Burton-on-Trent	—, a., Burton-on-Trent
20 12 May, 1498	Will., a., Burton-on-Trent	m. Durham	Thomas, p., Durham
13 June, 1498	Rich., a., Tewkesbury	d. Worcester	Will., p., Worcester
14 May, 1501	Tho., a., Gloucester	d. Worcester	Tho., p., Worcester
16 April, 1507	John, a., Whitby ⁵	m. Durham	Tho., p., Durham
20 April, 1507	Tho., p., Worcester ⁵	d. Worcester	Tho., a., Gloucester
25 15 May, 1507	Rich., a., Shrewsbury	m. Worcester	—, p., Worcester
14 April, 1510	Rob., a., Selby ⁵	prov. York	Tho., p., Durham
21 March, 1513	Rich., a., Winchcomb ⁶	"various monasteries"	Tho., p., Durham
11 March, 1516	John, a., Westminster ⁷	d. London	Will., a., Colchester
25 April, 1516	John, a., Westminster ⁷	d. Worcester	Will., a., Gloucester
30 25 April, 1516	John, a., Westminster ⁷	d. Worcester	John, p., Worcester
19 May, 1516	John, a., Westminster ⁷	d. London	Tho., a., St. Albans
1 Oct., 1521	Hugh, a., Reading ⁷	m. Glastonbury	John, ⁸ a., Glastonbury
28 April, 1522	Henry, a., Tewkesbury ⁷	d. Worcester	Will., p., Worcester
34 22 May, 1522	Henry, a., Tewkesbury ⁷	d. Worcester	Will., a., Gloucester

¹ Memoranda only.² MS. July.³ Addressed to abbot of⁴ Marginal note against this: *non emanavit*: cf. following entry.⁶ Appointed in last prov. Chapter at London.

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<i>Date of Visitation.</i>	<i>Citation Received.</i>	<i>Date of Certificate.</i>	<i>Source.</i>
5	3 June	—	Durham, III, fo. 216
	5 June	—	Durham, III, fo. 216
	7 June	—	Durham, III, fo. 216
	10 June	—	Durham, III, fo. 216
	30 June	4 June	St Albans, III, (u), pp. 228-9
	30 May	—	Muchelney, I, fo. 15
10	1 June	7 May	Durham, VIII, fo. 7 ^v , III, fo. 230 ^v
	27 June [sic]	—	Durham, VIII, fo. 8, III, fo. 231
15	4 June	—	Durham, VIII, fo. 24
	7 June	—	Peterborough, II, fo. 144 ^v
	28 June	6 June	Brit. Mus. Add Ch 33687
	22 June	5 June	Westminster, I, fo. 56 ^v
	25 June	—	Durham, VIII, fo. 23 ^v
20	29 May	1 May	Durham, IV, fo. 27 ^v -8
	7 June	—	Durham, VIII, fo. 58
	11 June	—	Durham, VIII, fo. 58
	15 June	—	Durham, VIII, fo. 58
	19 June	—	Durham, VIII, fo. 58
	29 June]	—	Durham, VIII, fo. 58 ^v
25	27 June	16 May	Durham, VIII, fo. 61
	22 June	17 June	Worcester, II, fo. 121 ^v
	15 June	20 May	Worcester, III, fo. 12
	4 May	17 April	Durham, VIII, fo. 160, IV, fo. 81
	10 June	24 April	Gloucester, I, fo. 71
	8 June	—	Worcester, III, fo. 44
30	13 May	24 April	Durham, VIII, fo. 143 ^v
	31 March	24 March	Durham, VIII, fo. 194
	3 April	27 March	Westminster, II, fo. 84, 87 ^v
	18 June	31 May	Gloucester, II, fo. 63-4
	25 June	—	Worcester, III, fo. 97
34	29 May	—	Westminster, II, fo. 89 ^v -90
	22 Oct.	7 Oct.	Reading, I, fo. 76, 86 ^v
	12 May	30 April	Worcester, III, fo. 130
34	2 June	24 May	Gloucester, II, fo. 188-9

St. Albans; answered by Tho. prior of St Albans, in vacancy on death of Will. abbot.

⁵ Appointed in last prov Chapter at Coventry.⁷ Appointed in last prov. Chapter at Westminster.⁸ *sic*, for Richard [Beere].

COMMISSIONS.

A prelate unable to visit in person, had to appoint commissioners to visit in his stead. It was necessary to supply them with instructions and with credentials which would satisfy the visitands: this was done by means of a formal "commission," with some such contents as these :

- (a) The prelate-visitor recites his appointment, as in the citation;
- (b) the commissioners and places to be visited are named;
- (c) in a few cases the date of visitation is given; more generally, reference, for this, is made to the citations;
- (d) the commissioners' powers are defined : to visit, inquire, correct, coerce;
- (e) in some cases, the process has to be certified to the visitor.

[**344.** *Commission by the abbot of Evesham to a monk of Evesham to visit the monasteries of the diocese of Worcester. 30 May, 1393.]*

Worcester Liber Albus, fo. ccc lxvi.

Procuratorum fratris Ricardi Pennebrok commissarii abbatis Evesham'.

Rogerus permissione divina abbas monasterii Evesham' ordinis sancti Benedicti ad Romanam ecclesiam nullo medio pertinentis, visitator omnium monasteriorum monachorum nigrorum diocesis Wygorn' a presidentibus et capitulo dicti ordinis apud Northampton' ultimo celebrato legitime deputatus, dilecto confratru nostro Ricardo Pennebrok et dicti monasterii nostri commonacho et sacre pagine baculario, salutem. Quia variis et arduis negotiis nostris et monasterii nostri antedicti necnon occupacionibus inevitabilibus adeo ad presens sumus impediti, quod ad eadem monasteria monachorum nigrorum dictae Wygorn' diocesis causa visitacionis huiusmodi exercende ibidem personaliter non possumus declinare, vobis de cuius fidelitate et industria plenius confidimus, ad visitandum monasteria antedicta singularesque personas eorundem tam in capite quam in membris ipsorum, necnon inquirendum de et super omnibus et singulis visitacionem huiusmodi concernentibus de consuetudine vel de iure, corrigendumque et reformatum necnon canonice puniendum omnia et singula comperta in hac parte, ceteraque omnia et singula faciendum, que ad officium visitatoris huiusmodi competere dinoscuntur, vices nostras committimus cum cuiuslibet cohercionis canonice potestate. Et quid factum fuerit et feceritis in premissis, nos una cum toto processu vestro super premissis habito, expedito negocio, certificetis literis vestris patentibus presencium cum tenore. Datum in monasterio nostro Evesham' sub sigillo nostro xxx^o die mensis Maii anno Domini CCC^m nonagesimo tercio.

Dismissio eiusdem.

¹ Et dictus frater Ricardus officium visitacionis modo debito exercuit. Et quia nulla habuit comperta, sicut nos in pace invenit, ita eodem die benigne dimisit.¹

[345. *Commission by the prior of Durham to two monks of Durham to visit the monasteries of the province of York. 26 Sept., 1401.]*

Durham, Reg. III, fo. iv.

Commissio facta magistro Roberto Blaklaw et Thome Rome monachis Dunelm' ad visitandum monasteria nigrorum monachorum in provincia Eboracensi.

Iohannes prior ecclesie cathedralis Dunelm', in capitulo generali seu provinciali nigrorum monachorum ordinis sancti Benedicti apud Northampton ultimo celebrato ad visitandum omnia et singula monasteria, abbates et priores abbates proprios non habentes, necnon conventus monachorum ordinis supradicti infra provinciam Eboracensem ubilibet constitutos visitator canonice deputatus, dominus R. B sacre pagine professori et T R. theologie baculario, confratribus et commonachis nostris Dunelm', salutem in Domino sempiternam. Cum nos circa huiusmodi visitacionis officium variis et arduis monasterii nostri negotiis prepediti intendere personaliter nequeamus, de vestris circumspecta industria et conscientie puritate plurimum confidentes, ad visitandum monasteria sancte Marie Ebor', de Selby, de Whytteby, de Monk Bretton, abbates, priores et conventus ac monachos singulos eorundem diebus et locis in nostris citatoriis literis limitatis, necnon ad inquirendum tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus super quibuscumque excessibus, defectibus et aliis visitacionis huiusmodi negotiis concerentibus, eaque corrigendum, puniendum et debite reformatum, ac eciam omnia alia et singula faciendum, excercendum et expediendum, que nobis occasione officii visitacionis nostre huiusmodi nobis iuncti vel alias de iure seu consuetudine competere poterunt, seu nos facere possemus in hac parte, si ibidem personaliter adessemus, vobis ac alteri vestrum cum cuiuslibet coercionis canonice potestate tenore presencium committimus vices nostras. In cuius etc'. Datum Dunelm' xxvj^{to} die Septembbris anno Domini millesimo CCC^{mō} primo.

¹ in a different hand.

TABLE OF VISITA

(a. = abbot. p = prior.)

The commissaries are monks of the prelate visitor's house, unless otherwise stated from the citations, p. 236 ff. above. For the sources, see p. 197 above.

<i>Date of Commission.</i>	<i>Prelate Visitor.</i>	<i>Commissaries.</i>	
Reading, 4 Sept., 1367	Will, a., Reading	{ Walter de Harewell Will de Brayton	
—, April, 1378	John, a., Whitby	{ Uthred, D.D., mk. of Durham Tho. de Haukesgarth, pr. of Midelesburgh, mk. of W.	
Durham, 8 June, 1381	Rob, p., Durham	Uthred, D.D., subprior of D ¹	
Peterborough, 13 June, 1384	Henry, a., Peterborough	Reginald de Lolleworth	
5 [21 Mar., 1390] ²	Robert a., Cerne	{ Will. Boys, monk of Cerne Rich. Wokyngham, monk of Chertsey	5
Rochester, 10 June, 1390	John, p., Rochester	{ J. Morel, subprior of R J. H[olyngborne?].	
Evesham, 30 May, 1393	Roger, a., Evesham	Richard Pennebrok, B.D.	
Rochester, 13 June, 1393	John, p., Rochester	{ John de Speldherst John de Eldyng	
Westminster, 23 June, 1393	Will., a., Westminster	{ John Stowe Thomas Merk'	
10 Selby, 10 June, 1396	John, a., Selby	{ John de Brauby, B.D., prior of S. Will. Pygot	10
Worcester, 28 May, 1399	John, p., Worcester	mr. John Dudley, D.D.	
Bury St. Edm., 6 June, 1399	Will, a., Bury St. Edm.	{ John de Goseford, prior of B. Rob de Ikelyngham	
Durham, 26 Sept., 1401	John, p., Durham	{ Robert Blaklaw, D.D. Tho. Rome, B.D.	
14 Abingdon, 29 June, 1405	Ric., a., Abingdon	{ John Blockley, B.D. Ralph Hamme	14

¹ Cf. Uthred's expenses on this visitation, 1380-1.² Not a separate Commission, but the Commissaries

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m. = monastery.)

The dates of visitations in brackets are not given in the documents, but are taken

<i>Area of Visitation</i>	<i>Date of Visitation.</i>	<i>Source.</i>
dioc. Winchester and Chichester	—	Battle, I, fo. 29 ^v
{ m. St. Mary's, York m. Selby m. Monk Bretton	7 May 10 May 13 May	Durham Misc. Ch. 7024
{ m. St. Mary's, York m. Selby m. Monk Bretton (m. Whitby m. St Albans	14 June 17 June 20 June 25 June 16 June	Durham, I, fo. 195 ^v St. Albans, I, fo. 49
5 m St Swithun's, Winchester	—	Winchester, I, fo. 5 ^v
m. Battle	13 June	Rochester, I, fo. 41 ^v
dioc. Worcester	[2 June]	Worcester, I, fo. 366 ^v
{ m. St Aug., Canterbury m. Faversham	[17 June] [16 June]	Rochester, I, fo. 62 ^v
m. Dover	[19 June]	
m. Rochester	[25 June]	Rochester, I, fo. 63
10 prov. York	—	Selby, II, fo. 197, printed Reyner, App. III, p. 208
m. Shrewsbury	[3 June]	Worcester, I, fo. 399
m. Walden	—	Bury St. Edmunds, I, fo. 91 ^v
{ m. St. Mary's, York m. Selby m. Whitby m. Monk Bretton	[3 Oct.] — [3 Oct.] [24 April, 1402]	Durham, II, fo. 1 ^v
14 m. St. Swithun's, Winchester	[1 July]	Winchester, I, fo. 23 ^v

Durham Acc. Rolls (Surtees Soc.), III, 591.
are named in the citation.

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<i>Date of Commission.</i>	<i>Prelate Visitor.</i>	<i>Commissaries.</i>
St. Mary's, York, 11 Nov., 1414	Tho., a., St. Mary's, York	Will. Dalton, prior of St. Mary's Rob. de Iklyngham, prior of B. [B.D. ?] John de Cranewys, subprior of B, B.Decr.
Elmswell, 16 June, 1420	Will., a., Bury St. Edm	{ Rich. Harleton, prior of P Walter Frysney, senescallus [?]
[c. April, 1426] ¹	[John, a., Peterborough]	{ Walter Frysney John Burgh
Peterborough, 12 April, 1426	John, a., Peterborough	{ mr. Hugh Ellerton, D.D. Rich. Berwyke
5 Whitby, 1 May, 1432	John, a., Whitby ²	{ John Cranewys, sacrist of B, B.Decr. Thomas Derham, mk of B, B D
Bury St. Edm., 10 May, 1432	Will., a., Bury St. Edm.	{ Tho Depyng, D.D. Will. Beaufo.
Peterborough, 14 June, 1432	John, a., Peterborough	{ Ric Ryngstede, B D., sub-prior Adam de Bury
Bury St. Edm., 22 June, 1441	Will., a., Bury St. Edm.	{ Mr. John Burnby, D D, warden of Durham College, Oxford Will Seton, B D.
Durham, 1 April, 1450	Will., p., Durham	{ Ric. Bell, B.D., warden of Durham College, Oxford Ric. Shirburne
10 Durham, 18 June, 1453	Will., p., Durham	{ Will. Burgh Will. Ufford
Peterborough, — May, 1456	Ric., a., Peterborough	{ Will. Hardewik, B D., prior of Wallingford Nicholas Boston, cellarar of St. A
St. Albans, 20 May, 1474	Will., a., St Albans	{ Will. Lawe, D.D. John Manbe, Chancellor of D. priory
Durham, 17 May, 1480	Rob., p., Durham	{ Will. Hardewik, B D., cancellarius abbatis John Maynard, scolaris
14 St. Albans, 20 May, 1480	Will., a., St Albans	

¹ Memorandum only.² Cf. *Durham Acc. Rolls* (Surtees Soc.), I, 61 (Month 13, week 4): Abbas³ sancte Trinitatis Norwic' has been interlin. over Walden; perhaps for guidance

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<i>Area of Visitation.</i>	<i>Date of Visitation</i>	<i>Source.</i>
prov York	[21 June, 1417]	Durham, II, fo. 53 ^v
m. Colchester	[18 June]	Bury St. Edm., I, fo. 192
m Croyland, Ramsey, St Albans, Eynsham, Luffield, Bradwell, Snelleshall, Daventry	—	Peterborough, I, fo. 129
m Bardney	[22 April]	Peterborough, I, fo. 129
5 m. Durham	[12 May]	Durham, VI, fo. 58 ^v
dioc. Ely and Norwich	[19 May-4 June]	Bury St. Edm., II, fo. 86
m. Walden ³	[17 June]	Peterborough, I, fo. 145 ^v
m Ramsey	[20 June ? prorogued]	Bury St. Edm., III, fo. 128 ^v
{ m St. Mary's, York m. Selby m. Whitby m. Monk Bretton	[7 May] [4 May] [18 May]	Durham, VII, fo. 36 ^v
10 m. Coventry	[30 June]	Durham, VII, fo. 58
m. Norwich	[31 May]	Peterborough, II, fo. 38 ^v
m. Glastonbury	[? prorogued from 6 March]	St. Albans, III (ii), 108
{ m St. Mary's, York m. Selby m. Whitby m. Monk Bretton	[7 June] [5 June] [10 June] [3 June]	Durham, III, fo. 216
14 m. Ramsey, Peterborough, Croyland, Eynsham, Bardney and Daventry	—	St. Albans, III (ii), 220

de Whitby per duos commonachos suos visitavit monasterium Dunelm.
in copying when Peterborough visited Norwich in 1456, cf. below.

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<i>Date of Commission.</i>	<i>Prelate Visitor</i>	<i>Commissaries.</i>
[c. 20 May, 1480]	—, a., St Albans	{ John Rothebury, archdeacon and sacrist. of St A Tho. Sudbury, cellarer of St. A.
16 June, 1480	John, a., Reading	{ John Thorne, B Decr , prior of R Rich. Wokyngham, B.D , mk. of R.
27 May, 1486	John, p., Durham	{ Tho. Rowland, B D. Rob. Bailyey
8 June, 1492	John, p., Durham	{ Tho. Castell, B D. Rob Batys
5 16 May, 1495	John, a., Reading	{ Henry Readinge Will Cauthorn, B D [War- den of Durham College, Oxford] ¹
2 June, 1498	Tho , p , Durham	{ Tho Swalwell, B D , chan- cellor of priory ¹
9 June, 1507	Rich., a., Shrewsbury	{ Roger Chapman Tho. Butler
8 24 March, 1516	John, a., Westminster	{ Thomas Joy, B D. Will Vertue

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¹ Cf. their expenses on this visitation, 1498-9,

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	<i>Area of Visitation.</i>	<i>Date of Visitation.</i>	<i>Source.</i>
	m Luffield, Snellshall and Bradwell	—	St. Albans, III (11), 221
	m St Aug , Canterbury	—	Reading, I, fo. 92
	m. St Swithun's Winchester	—	Durham, III, fo 231 ^v , VIII, fo. 8 ^v
5	m. St. Swithun's, Winchester d. Salisbury	[27 June ?]	Durham, VIII, fo 23 ^v Reading, I, fo 75 ^v
	m Whitby, St. Mary's, York, Selby, Monk Bretton	[7-19 June]	Durham, VIII, fo 58 ^v
	m. Worcester	[8 June ? pro- rogued]	Worcester, III, fo 44
8	m Colchester	[3 April]	Westminster, II, fo. 84

Durham Acc. Rolls (Surtees Soc.), III, 655.

APPENDIX I

ILLUSTRATIVE EXTRACTS FROM MONASTIC ACCOUNTS

[c. 1337-8. *Norwich, Camera Prioris Acc. Book*, 12 *W. de Claxton.*] Item magistro I. de Mari versus generale capitulum xl.s. v.d.

[c. 1340-1. *Ibid.*, 15 *W. de Claxton.*] Solut' ad contribucionem oboli de libra pro procuratoribus capituli generalis missis ad curiam Romanam xvij.s. ij.d. ob.

[1357-8 *Priory of Finchale (Surtees Soc.)*, p. xlvi.] In contribucione . . . magistro Ricardo filio Radulphi certanti contra mendicantes xxxvij.s. iiij d.¹

[c. 1360. *Durham Account Rolls*, II, 563.] Item domino Uthredo versus capitulum generale pro expensis suis 6.s. 8 d.

[1360-1. *Priory of Finchale*, p. lvi.] Et magistro Ricardo filio Radulphi archiepiscopo Armachanensi ij.s.

[1363-4. *Durham Account Rolls*, II, 567.] Domino Utredo pro exp. suis versus capitulum generale 73.s. 4.d.

[1364-5. *Priory of Coldingham (Surtees Soc.)*, p. xlviij.] Item domino Uttredo de Bolton pro expensis suis apud capitulum generale [etc].

[1366-7. *Finchale*, p. lxxii.] Et . . . Hutredo versus capitulum generale

¹ cf. Ipse etham [Tho. de la Mare] dum presidens existebat [c. 1349-67-?] magistrum Ricardum Fiz-Rauf, archiepiscopum Armachanum, in causa Dei, ut credimus, contra fratres dimicantem, collecta iuvit peccunia, plus de suo conferens quam omnes alii conferebant. *Gesta Abbatum mon. S. Albani* (R.S.), II, 405.

[1371-2. Pearce, *Monks of Westminster*, 103.]

In expensis fratris W. C[olchester] et duorum valettorum emissorum usque Northamton ad generale capitulum xx.s.

[1378-9. *Westminster Abbey Mun.* 24261*. *Abbot's Treasurer*, 2 R. ii.]

In expensis Ricardi Fortheye euntis in Kanciam cum monitione visitationis capituli generalis ij.s.

In expensis Willelmi Moton' euntis apud Oxon' pro scolaribus et redeunti ad dictam visitacionem faciendam v.s. vij.d.

Et liberatum eisdem pro expensis suis circa dictam visitacionem faciendam lx.s.

In dictis confratribus cum Nicholao Stoket versus Northampton' et ibidem pro procuracione in capitulo generali xl.s.

[1383-4. *Westminster Abbey Mun.* 24265*. *Abbot's Treasurer*, 7-8 R. ii.]

In expensis fratris Willelmi Sudbury eundo et redeundo versus Certeseye pro visitacione ibidem facienda xx.s. Et versus capitulum generale xl.s.

[1385-6 Pearce, *Monks of Westminster*, 113.]

Fratri W. S[udbury] ad solvendum ad generale capitulum et pro expensis suis xvi.li. v.s.

[1386-7. Pearce, *op. cit.*, 113.]

Et fratri W. S[udbury] ad solvendum ad generale capitulum et pro expensis suis xvi.li. v.s. . . . pro expensis suis illic eundo, ibidem commorando et inde redeundo xl.s.

[1416-17. *Westminster Abbey Mun.* 24268. *Abbot's Receiver*, 4-5 H.v.]

Et datum cuidam haraldo deferenti litteras Constanciam nomine Agincourt vj s. viij.d.

Et datum cuidam famulo abbatis de Wynchecombe portanti literas de Constancia iij.s. iiiij.d.

Et datum cuidam famulo episcopi London' deferenti literas Constanciam iij.s. iiiij.d.

In expensis fratris Rogeri Cretton et fratris Edmundi Kyrtion visitancium monasterium de Walden et Colcestr' ix.s. x.d.

Et solutum Iohanni Pounce equitanti usque sanctum Albanum in negotiis domini iij.s. iiiij.d.

In expensis factis circa fratrem Willelmum Horwod nuper priorem de Bradewell ut in equis conductis et aliis xv.s. x.d.

Et solutum priori sancti Andrie de Norhampton' pro pulsacione et aliis l.s.

Et solutum fratri Iohanni Hynton monacho Ebor' et baculario theologie predicatori sermonem apud Norhampton' in Anglico xiiij.s. iiiij.d.

[1417-18. *Peterborough, Abbot's Receiver's Acc., 5-6 Hen. V [from transcript by Mr. W. T. Mellows].*]

Et in expensis domini prioris et fratris Ricardi Harleton visitatorum omnium domorum religiosorum ordinis sancti Benedicti in diocesi Lincolnie equitancium in visitacione sua cum vij equis xli.s. ix.d.

Et in expensis eorundem et fratris Galfridi ad generale capitulum per v dies cum ix equis xxxvii.s viij.d.

[June, 1447. *Westminster Abbey Mun. 24275. Abbot's Receiver*, cf. Pearce, pp. 139, 144.]

Et in expensis fratris Thome Pomerey sacryste Westm' et fratris Thome Cornewell camerarii ibidem cum vi servientibus in viij^{to} equis mense Iunii infra clausum huius compoti de London usque Feversham causa visitacionis ibidem de autoritate generalis capituli, eundo, morando et redeundo per quinque dies et tot noctes, una cum conduccione equorum et regardis datis servientibus lx.s. iiiij.d.

Et in expensis Willelmi Yonge servientis fratris Thome Cornewell predicti de Westmon' usque Northampton' portantis unam litteram abbati Clocestr'¹ uni visitator'² ibidem pro excusacione habenda de non veniendo illuc ad generale capitulum ibidem hoc anno tentum, eundo, morando et redeundo per sex dies et tot noctes, una cum conduccione unius equi xj.s.

Et in expensis et datis Iohanni Longe portanti unam litteram abbati de Feversham predicto, assignando ei diem visitacionis sue predicte xiij.d.

Et in regardo dato magistro Hugoni Ridelak facienti et scribenti eandem litteram viij.d.

Et in regardo dato fratri Iohanni Amondesham laboranti in generali capitulo pro domino abbatе xx.s.

¹ sic.

² sic: for presidencium?

APPENDIX II

TABLE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Norwich (1) = Dean and Chapter Muniments, *Camera Prioris* accounts; (2) = *ibid.*, *Communarius* accounts; (3) = *ibid.*, *Pitanciarus* accounts.

1340-3	$\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}1$	No. 151 above; Norwich (1)	1418-20	$\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}1$	Nos. 302, 318; Norwich (2), (3)
1343-6	$\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}1$	Nos. 152, 285-6	1420-3	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	Nos. 160, 319
c. 1346-7	$\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}1$	Norwich (1), (2), (3)	c. 1420-1	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	Norwich (2), (3)
1361	$\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}1$	Nos. 289-90	1423-6	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	Nos. 171, 303-5
1365-6	[$\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}1$?]	Norwich (1)	c. 1424-5	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	Norwich (2), (3)
1378	$\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}1$	No. 314	1426-9	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	No. 172; Norwich (2), (3)
1378-81	$\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}1$	Nos. 291-2	c. 1429-30	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	Norwich (2), (3)
1381	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	No. 314	c. 1431-2	$\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}1$	Norwich (2), (3)
1381-4	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	No. 293	c. 1435-6	$\frac{3}{2}d/mk[?]$	Norwich (2), (3)
1384	$\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}1$	No. 314	c. 1438-9	$\frac{3}{2}d/mk[?]$	Norwich (2), (3)
1385-6	[$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$]	Norwich (2)	1440-1	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	Norwich (2), (3)
1390	$\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}1$	No. 317	1443-4	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	Norwich (2), (3)
1393	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	No. 316	1446-7	$\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}1$	Norwich (2), (3)
1393-6	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	Nos. 159, 294	1447-8	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	Nos. 307-8
1396	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	No. 315	1449-50	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	Norwich (2), (3)
c. 1398-9	[$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$]	Norwich (2)	1452-3	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	Norwich (2), (3)
1402	$\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}1$	No. 314	1453-6	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	No. 310
1402-5	$\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}1$	Nos. 297, 299	1465-	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	No. 311
1405	$\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}1$	No. 314	1470-1	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	Norwich (2)
1405-8	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	No. 300	1471-	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	No. 312
c. 1406-7	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	Norwich (2), (3)	1473-4	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	Norwich (2)
1408	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	No. 314	1476-7	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	"
c. 1410-11	$\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}1$	Norwich (2)	1479-80	$\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}1$	"
1411	$\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}1$	No. 314	1485-6	$\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}1$	"
1414	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	No. 315	1486-92	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	No. 320
c. 1414-15	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	Norwich (2), (3)	1491-2	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	Norwich (2)
1414-17	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	No. 315	1494-5	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	"
c. 1416-17	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	Norwich (2), (3)	1501-2	$\frac{1}{2}d/\text{£}1$	"
1417-18	$2d/\text{£}1$	No. 318; Norwich (2), (3)	1526-7	$\frac{1}{2}d/mk$	Norwich (2), (3).

APPENDIX III

Table of Chapters and Presidents, with references to the relevant documents. The places and dates in italics are those of the Provincial Chapters. Chapters known only from the appointment of proctors appointed to appear in them are marked PR. The dates not in italics are those of various documents which mention the names of the Presidents, and so illustrate the tenure of Presidency between the Chapters.

			<i>Presidents The abbots of—</i>
Nos. 182, 185, 186		13 Dec., 1336	St. Albans; St. Mary's, York: Executors of Papal Bull
Nos. 149, 150	<i>Northampton</i>	<i>10 June, 1338</i>	St. Albans; St. Mary's, York: Executors. Westminster; Gloucester; Bardney; Presidents
No. 190		3 Sept., 1340	St. M., York; St. Aug., Canterbury; Westminster
Nos. 149, 151	<i>Northampton</i>	<i>11 Sept., 1340</i>	Westminster; St. M., York; [St. Aug., Canterbury]
Nos. 149, 152-4, 197-8, 285	<i>Northampton</i>	<i>9 Sept., 1343</i>	St. Albans; Chester; [St. M., York, absent]
No. 288		6 July, 1345	St. Albans
Nos. 149, 156; cf. No. 152	<i>Northampton</i>	<i>25 Sept., 1346</i>	St. Albans; Chester; Ramsey [in place of Westminster, dead]
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No. 322		6 Sept., 1360	St. Albans; Chester; Ramsey
No. 149		<i>14 Sept., 1360</i>	St. Albans; Chester
Vol. III, p. 35		<i>c. 25 Mar., 1362</i>	St. Albans
No. 207		17 Mar., 1363	St. Albans; Chester [<i>sic</i>]
Nos. 149, 157; cf. No. 208	<i>Northampton</i>	<i>11 Sept., 1363</i>	St. Albans [Westminster, elected Bp. of Ely, Chester, resigned]

APPENDIX III

			<i>Presidents The abbots of—</i>
No 211		31 Jan, 1364	St. Albans
Nos 149, 217, 218, III, p. 210	Northampton	21 Sept., 1366	St. Albans; Bury St Edmunds; St. M, York
No. 222		10 Dec, 1366	St. M, York
No. 224		5 Nov, 1367	St. Albans; Westminster [<i>sic</i>]
Nos. 225–6 III, p. 210; cf. Nos. 225–6	Northampton	Aug [1369?] 16 Sept., 1370	St. Albans; Bury St. Edmunds [Bury St. Edmunds; Glastonbury ?]
No 326		c Sept., 1370 or 1372?	St. Mary's, York
III, p. 210	Northampton	20 Sept., 1372	
No 227	*	9 July, 1375	
No. 228		c 1375 or 1378	
No. 230	*	28 Jan, 1377	Malmesbury; Bury St Edmunds
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No. 291		c. 12 May, 1381	Malmesbury
III, p. 210	Northampton	8 July, 1381	
No 241		3 April, 1383	Malmesbury; Ramsey
No. 233		31 Mar. [1384–9?]	Malmesbury
III, p. 210	Northampton	c July, 1384	Malmesbury
No 234		17 June, 1387	Durham; Ramsey
No 149	Northampton	8 July, 1387	Glastonbury; Ramsey; [Durham, absent]
No 235		9 July, 1387	Glastonbury; Ramsey; Durham
No 149	Northampton	4 July, 1390	Glastonbury
Nos. 149, 159	Northampton	6 July, 1393	Glastonbury; Westminster; York
Nos. 237–8		28 Aug. [1394?]	Glastonbury
No. 294	*	9 April, 1396	Glastonbury; Westminster, York
No. 295; cf. III, p. 212	Northampton	[30 June] 1399	St. Augustine's, Canterbury; Win- chester
III, p. 212	Northampton	3 July, 1402	
No. 298		1403	Winchester
III, p. 212	Northampton	6 July, 1405	
No 301	?	1408	
No. 242		1 Sept., 1408	Bury St. Edmunds
No. 149	Northampton	6 July, 1411	Westminster; [Bury St. Edmunds, absent, Peterborough, dead]
No. 243		26–8 Mar, 1412	Westminster; Bury St. Edmunds
Nos. 314–17; III, p. 212	Northampton	9 July, 1414	Winchcombe; Winchester, ? West- minster
Nos. 245–6		c 1414–17	Westminster; Winchcombe
Nos. 315–18; III, p. 212; cf Nos. 247, 248?	Northampton	5 July, 1417	

			<i>Presidents The abbots of—</i>
No. 160; cf. Nos. 248, 318-19	<i>Northampton</i>	8 July, 1420	[Westminster, Winchcomb, absent] Worcester
Nos. 161-70	<i>Westminster</i>	7 May, 1421	[Westminster, dead; Winchcomb, absent] Worcester
No. 250		March, 1423	Worcester
No. 171; cf. No. 319	<i>Northampton</i>	5 July, 1423	Bury St. Edmunds; Worcester; [West- minster, dead]
No. 172; cf. No. 173?	<i>Northampton</i>	1 July, 1426	[Bury St. Edmunds; Worcester, ab- sent] Durham
Nos. 253-6		c. 1426-35?	St Albans
No. 174; cf. Nos. 172, 306	<i>Northampton</i>	4 July, 1429	St Albans; Durham; Pershore
No. 259		27 Apr., 1431	St Albans; Durham; Pershore
No. 260		23 Feb., 1432	St Albans; Abingdon [<i>sic</i>]
III, p. 214	<i>Northampton</i>	30 June, 1432	PR
No. 261		31 Dec., 1432	Durham; Pershore
No. 262		12 Jan., 1435	St. Albans; Durham
III, p. 214	<i>Northampton</i>	4 July, 1435	PR
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III, p. 214; cf. No. 264	<i>Northampton</i>	3 July, 1441	PR
No. 265			
No. 175; cf. No. 267; A-B, 268A	<i>Northampton</i>	1 Sept., 1442	Chertsey, Winchester
No. 268		6 July, 1444	Winchester; Colchester; Chertsey
III, p. 214	<i>Northampton</i>	24 Apr., 1445	Winchester
No. 307		— July, 1447	PR
III, p. 214	<i>Northampton</i>	2 Oct., 1448	Chertsey
III, p. 214	<i>Northampton</i>	— July, 1450	PR
III, p. 214	<i>Northampton</i>	2 July, 1453	PR
III, p. 214	<i>Northampton</i>	5 July, 1456	PR
III, p. 214	<i>Northampton</i>	2 or 9? July, 1459	PR
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III, p. 214	<i>Northampton</i>	1 July, 1465	PR
No. 273		7 Dec., 1465	Abingdon
No. 274		10 May [1466]	Abingdon
III, p. 214	<i>Northampton</i>	4 July, 1468	PR
III, p. 216; cf. No. 276	<i>Northampton</i>	1 July, 1471	PR
III, p. 216	<i>Northampton</i>	4 July, 1474	PR
III, p. 216	<i>Northampton</i>	30 June, 1477	PR
No. 277; cf. III, p. 216	<i>Northampton</i>	3 July, 1480	
No. 278		19 July, 1480	Abingdon; Gloucester
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			<i>Presidents The abbots of—</i>
III, p. 216; No. ³²⁰	<i>Northampton</i>	<i>3 July, 1486</i>	PR
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III, p. 216; No. ³²⁰	<i>Northampton</i>	<i>2 July, 1492</i>	PR
III, p. 216	<i>Northampton</i>	<i>29 June or 6 July, 1495</i>	PR
No. 278A; cf. III, p. 216	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>2 July, 1498</i>	
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III, p. 218	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>— 1504</i>	PR
III, p. 218	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>5 July, 1507</i>	PR
III, p. 218	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>2 July, 1509</i>	PR
III, p. 218	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>[1] July, 1510</i>	PR
III, p. 218	<i>Coventry or London?</i>	<i>[5] July, 1512</i>	PR
No 180	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>— 1516</i>	
III, p. 218		<i>c. July, 1519</i>	PR
No. 279	<i>Westminster</i>	<i>12 Nov., 1519</i>	
No. 281		<i>24 Nov. [1519]</i>	Westminster; Winchcomb
Nos 281, 282, 283	<i>Westminster</i>	<i>26 Feb. [1520]</i>	Chapter in presence of Cardinal Wolsey, as Papal Legate
No. 284		<i>20 Dec., 1527</i>	Westminster
III, p. 218	<i>Westminster</i>	<i>16 Jan., 1532</i>	PR

ADDENDA ET CORRIGENDA

ADDENDA TO VOL. I, PART I.

[346. *Documents concerning the General Chapter of the Province of Canterbury and the English cells of the abbey of Bec. c. 1278–80.*]

The following documents form part of a very interesting formulary or collection of letters and documents, connected with the abbey of Bec and its English priories, during the time of the abbots Pierre de la Cambe (1273–81), Ymer de Saint-Ymer (1281–1304), and Gilbert de Saint-Etienne (1304–27)¹; it is now fo. 109–82 [*alias* 107–80] of Cotton MS. Domitian A, XI.² It is evidently the MS. once in the possession of Henry Parry, M.A., in 1617, from which Twyne took extracts.³ The struggle here described is of great interest; from a constitutional point of view, it represents a clash between two rival forms of organization: the new system of general or provincial chapters, inaugurated by the Lateran Council of 1215, and the older system of mother-house and dependent cells,⁴ as exemplified by the “order of Bec” (cf. sections (v) and (ix) below), and of course, in a more developed form, by the “order of Cluny.” It also throws light on the relations of Archbishop Peckham with the General Chapter, and the two important and controversial points of policy, the shortening of the Divine Office, and the Oxford house of Studies.⁵ Documents (ii)–(v) deal with St

¹ For the priories of Stoke by Clare and St Neots, see Porée, *Histoire de l'Abbaye du Bec* (Evreux, 1901), I, 443–7, 452–8, for the reigns of the abbots Pierre, Ymer and Gilbert, *ibid.*, I, 617–28; II, 1–57. The energetic abbot Ymer visited the English priories in 1282–3, perhaps as a result of this struggle—*ibid.*, II, 2–3. For a similar struggle with the General Chapter of the Province of Rouen, see *ibid.*, II, 20, and Cotton MS. Domitian A, XI, fo 122. For the General Chapters of Bec and its cells, from 1219, see Porée, I, 547–8; II, 21, 25, 55.

² There is a notice of this formulary in *Histoire Littéraire de la France*, vol. 36 (1927), pp. 100–9.

³ Snappe's *Formulary*, pp. 355–6, where some of the extracts (cf. doc xv) are printed.

⁴ Cf. R. Molitor, *Aus der Rechtsgeschichte benediktinischer Verbände* (Münster 1928), Chapter 6.

⁵ Cf. above, Vol. I, pp. 60–1, 120–1, 133.

Neots, with the admission of statutes and the payment of contributions; documents (vi)–(vii), with Stoke-by-Clare, with citations to the chapter and payment of contributions; documents (viii)–(xiv), with the appeal by Bec.

MS. Cotton, Domitian XI, fo. 117v [115v].

[i] Quomodo abbates regni Anglie et eorum presidentes et visitatores volebant tempore domini Petri quondam abbatis Becci visitare prioratus de sancto Neoto et de Stok' et compellere priores dictorum prioratum ut accederent ad eorum¹ capitulum generale, et mandata ac constituciones eorum reciperent, et sibi² in hiis et in aliis obedirent.

[ii] *Littera prioris et conventus sancti Neoti missa domino abbatи Becci [after April, 1279].*

Reverendo in Christo patri ac domino karissimo domino P. Dei gracia abbatи Becci Hell[uni], eius humiles et devoti filii frater Thomas³ prior sancti Neoti et eiusdem loci conventus, salutem in Domino, et obedienciam tam debitam quam devotam cum omni reverencia pariter et⁴ monasteriorum abbatum per sollempnes nuncios nobis transmissarum, necnon copiam quorundam statutorum suorum, ad quorum observanciam predicti abbates conantur in iuste et insolito nos cohercere, vobis transmittimus inspiciendam. Et quia predictis litteris vel statutis obtemperare, seu penitus rebellare, vobis inconsultis, minime debemus, quia fruimur in hac parte vice minoris; vestram rogamus paternitatem et dominacionem, ut nobis vestris filiis in pupillari statu constitutis voluntatem et benefacitum vestrum circa capitulum generale predictorum presidenciam demandare velitis cum effectu; et quia ista novitas vehementer ad minoracionem vestre dignitatis, dominacionis et potencie operatur, intimi spiritus sollicitudinem habeatis, ne constitutiones Beccensis ecclesie primitive, et a venerabilibus patribus precedentibus diu digne approbate, temporibus vestris mutentur seu vilescant. Valete in Domino Ihesu Christo.

[iii] *Littera presidencium ad abbatem de Burgo ut faciat statuta ipsorum observari [18 Feb., 1279].*

I.⁵ permissione divina abbas sancti Augustini Cant' ordinis sancti Benedicti, capitulo generali in Cantuariensi provincia,⁶ compresidente nostro domino abbate Glaston' absente ac se legittime excusante, venerabili in Christo fratri domino Dei gracia abbatи de Burgo,⁷

¹ eos MS.

² si MS.

³ Thomas de Bensend, c. 1275–85.

⁴ Sic. Some words evidently missing here: perhaps read: pariter et honore. Litterarum N. et N.] monasteriorum. Cf. sect. (iii) and (iv) below.

⁵ sic: Nicholas Thorne (1273–83); cf. section (iv) below.

⁶ a word missing, such as presidens. ⁷ Richard de London (1274–95).

salutem in Domino Ihesu Christo. Ex relacione fidei dignorum ordinis nostri zelatorum et maxime nostri mandatorum capitulo executorum intelleximus, quod licet quidam nostri ordinis abbates et priores ad statutorum nostri capitulo generalis admissionem, et eorundem obser-^{fo. 118.}
 | vanciam, ac ordinatam seu statutam in eodem capitulo contribucionem [fo. 116.] exolvendam reverenter obediant, ut tenentur, aliqui tamen ea admittere, aliqui vero admissa observare, alii etiam prout statutum est contribuere negligunt¹ seu contempnunt, immunitates quasdam minus legitimas seu minus legittime pretendentes, et raciones alias frustatorias allegantes; unde licet vestra videretur arguenda remissio, eo quod contra huiusmodi neglectores seu contemptores minus tepide processistis, quos per censuram² ecclesiasticam potuistis, immo debuistis merito punuisse, vestram tamen omissionem pacienter sustinentes ad presens, vobis mandamus in virtute obediencie qua summe sedi tenemini, ac sub pena suspensionis, quatenus per vos vel per aliquem fratrum vestrorum quem ad hoc duxeritis eligendum, ad predictorum contemptorum seu neglectorum monasteria Lincolniensis dyocesis, si liber pateat et securus accessus, sin autem ad vicina monasteria accedentes, omnes huismodi contemptores seu neglectores in sentenciam suspensionis a celebracione divinorum in his scriptis denuncietis in genere incidisse; nichilominus eisdem terminum³ prefigentes, videlicet festum apostolorum Philippi et Iacobi proximum, ut infra eundem terminum de dicta contribucione vobis vel principalibus collectoribus, nisi de sua solucione per eorundem quietancias vobis constare fecerint evidenter, integre satisfacere non omittant; alioquin ipsos ac etiam omnes qui statuta premissa admittere seu observare contempserint, per vos vel per aliquem fratrum vestrorum ut superius est expressum nominatim suspendatis, immo verius denuncietis predictam suspensionis sentenciam incurrisse; scituri quod nisi presens mandatum efficacius fueritis executi, contra vos quatenus de iure possimus, acrius procedemus, precipue cum non solum ob defectum contribucionem non solvencium, set pocius propter remissionem vestram, qui contumaces in hac parte et rebelles vice nostra censura ecclesiastica ad hoc compellere debuistis et ab eisdem contribucionem collectam secundum formam vobis per nostras literas prius datam recepisse, empicio loci per procuratores principalium collectorum inventi,⁴ sicut nobis per suas litteras certificarunt, ob defectum peccunie dicti loci dominis numerande pre manibus differatur. Ceterum de his paucis monachis qui presunt in parvis cellulis dicte dyocesis, dissimuletis ad tempus, si premissa a propriis abbatibus receperint observanda. De abbatissis et priorissis eiusdem dyocesis, que statuta reverenter admiserint, circa memorate contribucionis solutionem ad tempus dissimulare poteritis. Omnes autem abbates et priores, qui

¹ negligenter MS² per censuram] iuram MS.³ terminorum MS.⁴ The site for Gloucester College, Oxford.

nostro capitulo generali interesse tenentur, si nondum per vos citati fuerint, secundum formam vobis prius datam citare curetis. Nomina autem singulorum abbatum, priorum, abbatissarum, priorissarum, monasteriorum et cellularium in dyocesi memorata constitutorum, sive cismarini sint, sive transmarini, nobis rescribatis specialiter et expresse. Qualiter autem presens mandatum fueritis executi, nos per vestras litteras patentes harum seriem continentes, et nomina statuta non admittencium vel non observancium, seu eciam ut premissum est contribuere nolencium continentes, distincte infra octavas nativitatis beati Iohannis baptiste redditis per omnia cerciores. Datum Cantuarie die sabbati proxima post festum sancti Valentini martiris, anno gracie M^o CC^o lxx^o octavo.

[iv] *Littera visitatoris ad priorem sancti Neoti [3 April, 1279].*

R. permissione divina abbas de Burgo sancti Petri, venerabili fratri in Christo domino priori de sancto Neoto, salutem in salutis Auctore. Litteras venerabilis patris domini N. permissione divina abbatis sancti Augustini Cantuarie, presidentis ordinis sancti Benedicti capitulo generali in Cantuariensi provincia cum excusacione domini abbatis de Glaston compresidentis recepimus, quas vobis mittimus inspiciendas *fo. 118v.* nobisque per latorem presencium fideliter remittendas. Quarum auctoritate vobis firmiter iniungendo mandamus quatinus secundum *[fo. 116v.]* quod in prefatis litteris continetur, facere curetis. Alioquin sicut nobis est iniunctum, termino in eisdem contento elapso, vos a celebratione divinorum noveritis a nobis fore suspensos. Quid inde facere decreveritis, ut possimus certificare presidentes, nobis litteris vestris patentibus remandetis. Valete. Datum apud Burgum tercio non. Aprilis, anno gracie M^o CC^o lxx^o nono.

[v] *De statutis ipsorum abbatum.¹*

Statuta predicta, in thesauro Becci reposita, tanquam non admittenda nec imitanda, sed propter ea statuencium presumptionem et temeritatem spernenda, utpote nova et insolita, ordinique Beccensi contraria, presentibus inserere non curavi.

[vi] *Littera prioris de Stok' ad dominum abbatem de Becco, contra dictos presidentes et visitatores eorum [before 22 Sept., 1278 ?]*

Reverendo in Christo patri ac domino P. permissione divina abbati de Becco, suus in Christo filius humilis et devotus, frater W. de Stok', salutem in eo qui est vera Salus, cum omni obedientia, reverencia pariter et honore. Pater reverende, cum in concilio generali diu est editum fuisse ac statutum, quod in singulis regnis sive provinciis fiat de triennio in triennium, salvo iure dyocesanorum pontificum,² com-

¹ These statutes would be Version B, of 1278, see Vol. I, pp. 60-100.

² pontificat' MS.

mune capitulum abbatum atque priorum abbates proprios non habentium, qui consueverunt tale capitulum celebrare; ac de sancto Augustino Cant' et Glaston' capitulo generali ordinis sancti Benedicti in provincia Cantuariensi presidentes, nos tanquam priorem de Stok' in provincia Cantuariensi, abbatem ut premittitur non habentem, citari fecerint,¹ quod personaliter compareamus in proximo capitulo generali apud Abendone in crastino sancti Mathei celebrando iuxta formam constitutionis concilii generalis, facturi et recepturi quod iusticia² et regularis observancia suadebit. Hinc est quod discretionem vestram et dominacionem consulendum ducimus atque requirendum, ut quid super hoc fuerit faciendum et qualiter procedendum, nobis celeriter si placet prescribere dignemini, saltem ante diem in citacione comprehensam. Valete. Datum, etc.

[vii] *Littera prioris et conventus de Stok' ad abbatem Becci contra presidentes Anglie [before 22 Sept., 1279?]*

Reverendo in Christo patri etc', frater W. prior de Stok' etc'. Pater reverende, meminimus vobis anno iam elapso scripsisse,³ qualiter presidentes capitulo generali in regno Anglie ordinis sancti Benedicti nos et ceteros priores de ordine nostro eorum visitacioni et ordinis reformationi subicere intendunt, in vestri preiudicium, et domus Beccensis dampnum non modicum et gravamen, reverenter supplicantes, quatinus contra premissa salubre remedium fieri faceretis. Et quia nichil omnino in hac parte credimus pro vobis et parte nostra factum esse seu procuratum, paternitati vestre reverende precibus iteratis supplicamus, quatinus remedium oportunum celeriter fieri faciat in premissis, et eo libencius si placet, quod dicti presidentes et suorum decretorum executores nos in partibus nostris in sentenciam suspensionis a celebrazione divinorum denunciarunt incidisse, pro duobus denarius de qualibet marca ad domum vestram de Stok' spectante non solitus suo tempore, prout statuerunt in suo capitulo generali, ad edificandum quandam domum Oxon',⁴ ubi monachi ordinis sancti Benedicti de diversis monasteriis causa studii transmittendi decenter valeant habere. Et quid inde feceritis, nos si placet ea celeritate qua placuerit et expedire videritis certificetis Valete etc'. Timemus de temporis lapsu, et citati sumus iterato ad eorum capitulum in crastino sancti Mathei; aliud enim capitulum ipsorum certa ratione fuerat revocatum.⁵

[viii] *Littera domini abbatis Petri missa prioribus Anglie contra fo. 119
presidentes Anglie [c. Sept.-Dec., 1270?].* [fo. 117.]

Petrus permissione divina humilis abbas monasterii beate Marie de Becco Helluini, universis et singulis prioribus et monachis suis in regno

¹ fecerit MS

² iusticiam MS.

³ Apparently section (vi) above.

⁴ Domus Oxoniæ pro Benedictinis, added in left margin in xvii-c hand.

⁵ Cf. Vol I, p. 60.

Anglie et partibus Wallie constitutis, monasterio Beccensi inmediate subiectis, salutem in Domino, et graciā in presenti, ac gloriam in futuro. Cum vos de sancto Neoto prior et conventus, et vos prior de Stok', consilium nostrum duxeritis requirendum super iniurias, dampnias et gravaminibus, quas et que abbates regni Anglie presidentes capitulo generali abbatum provincie Cantuar' et visitatores ab eis deputati vobis intulerunt contra iusticiam et inferre conantur, sicut in litteris vestris nobis directis plenius continetur, in nostrum et vestrum ac nostri monasterii ac membrorum eiusdem preiudicium, dampnum non modicum et gravamen, et in nostre iurisdictionis et auctoritatis enervacionem ; habito super his consilio cum conventu nostro et cum iurisperitis tractatu diligenti, mandamus et precipimus vobis omnibus et singulis predictis in virtute sancte obedientie, quatinus iurisdictionem, potestatem et auctoritatem nostram, quam nos et predecessores nostri abbates Becci soliti simus habere in prioratibus vobis prioribus commissis et supra vos, fideliter et constanter observetis illesam, inhibentes vobis sub pena inobedientie et excommunicacionis, ne predictis abbatibus aliquatenus obediatis, nec ad eorum capitulum accedatis, nec eorum visitatores umquam causa visitandi recipiatis, nec contribucionem, quam a vobis exigunt, solvere presumatis, nec eorum statutis, mandatis seu preceptis contra consuetudinem nostri monasterii antiquam et approbatam et hactenus observatam obediatis. Verum eciam de consilio iurisperitorum et fide dignorum predictis abbatibus et eorum visitatoribus viriliter et unanimiter resistentes, ab eis et contra eos pro iniuriis et dampnis predictis, nomine nostro et vestro et nomine conventus nostri et conventuum vestrorum, ad apostolicam sedem publice in scriptis appelleatis ; ad quam appellacionem faciendam, mittimus vobis priori et conventui de sancto Neoto quoddam procuratorum ad hoc necessarium, sigillis nostris sigillatum, in quo posuimus illos quos nobis nominastis procuratores.¹ Et cum dictum negotium nos tanquam capud et vos tanquam membra tangere dinoscatur, mandamus et precipimus vobis per obedienciam predictam, quatinus cum subsidio quod nos apponemus, qui murum in hac parte nos facimus et defensorem, procuratoribus qui negotium predictum prosequentur in curia Romana, consilium et auxilium in sumptibus et expensis faciendis exhibeat oportunum. Pro cuius negotiū promocione, damus dilecto in Christo filio procuratori nostro in Anglia potestatem hac vice taxandi nomine nostro contribucionem quam facietis in premissis, et cohercendi vos si necesse fuerit ad solvendum quicquid duxerit taxandum cum ratione. Mittimus eciam vobis alias litteras nostras, continentes raciones nostras et vestras contra predictos abbates propoundendas.² Quid autem super premissis feceritis, nobis cum oportunum fuerit rescribatis. Valete. Datum etc'.

¹ Cf. sect. (xi), below.

² Cf. sect. (ix), (x), below.

[ix] *Littera domini abbatis Petri, continens raciones nostras contra dictos presidentes [c. Sept-Dec 1279 ?].*

Petrus permissione divina etc', ut supra. Super hoc quod nobis scripsistis, quod presidentes abbates provincie Cantuariensis capitulo generali abbatum eiusdem provincie¹ contendunt vos compellere, ut dicto capitulo intersitis, et ut recipiatis in dominibus vobis commissis visitatores deputatos ab eis pro visitacione facienda; aperte videtur quod hoc non possunt de iure, quia cum presidentes et visitatores predicti totam potestatem habeant, quam sibi vendicare possunt, ad celebrandum dictum capitulum, et eciam ad visitandum, per illam constitutionem. In singulis regnis et aliam sequentem constitutionem Ea que pro religionis honeste, in tertio libro decretalium, in rubrica de statu monachorum²; in qua siquidem constitucione, cavitur expresse quod in singulis regnis sive provinciis fiat de triennio | in triennium, fo. 119^v. salvo iure dyocesanorum, commune capitulum abbatum atque priorum [fo. 117^v] abbates proprios non habencium, qui non consueverunt tale capitulum exercere; et post pauca, quod ordinentur in eodem capitulo religiose et circumspecte persone, que singulas abbatias³ eiusdem regni sive provincie non solum monachorum, sed eciam monialium, secundum formam sibi prefixam studeant visitare; evidenter apparet, cum vos habeatis abbatem proprium, qui dominibus vobis commissis preest in spiritualibus et temporalibus, qui eciam de triennio in triennium omnium priorum transmarinorum ordinis Becci in capitulo Beccensi consuevit simile capitulum celebrare; cum eciam domus vobis commisso, abbatico non dicantur, immo celle, de iure dicto capitulo non tenemini interesse, nec in dominibus vobis commissis illorum recipere visitatores; cum hoc fieret in preiudicium dyocesanorum, qui vos consueverunt annis singulis visitare. Ad hoc eciam magnum nobis preiudicium fieret, quia cum domus vobis commisso nobis in spiritualibus et temporalibus immediate sint subiecte, propter quod totam correctionem et ordinis reformatiōnem ad nos non est dubium pertinere. Monachos eciam ibidem ponimus et amovemus pro nostre libito voluntatis, priores instituimus et destituimus, de quo simus per apostolicam sedem muniti, videlicet per privilegium Honorii pape iij, cuius tenor talis est: Honorius episcopus servus servorum Dei etc'; similiter pro privilegiis⁴ Alexandri pape iij, successoris⁵ ipsius Honorii, sub eadem forma⁶; cum dicti presidentes et visitatores compellendo vos ad premissa, metas potestatis sibi commisso excedant; et privilegium debeat amittere, qui permissa sibi abutitur potestate; in nullo super premissis eis tenemini obediēre,⁷ immo de iure potestis⁸ ad appellacionis remedium convolare. Ut vos eciam super premissis cerciores reddamus, significamus vobis quod nos de prioratibus seu

¹ sic MS.

² Cf. vol I, pp. 273-6.

³ abbatas MS.

⁴ sic MS.

⁵ successores MS.

⁶ Cf. Porée, op. cit., I, 604.

⁷ Nota, left margin.

⁸ Potestatis MS.

cellis nostris regni Anglie muniti sumus per privilegium Calixti pape ij et per privilegium Eugenii pape iij sub eodem tenore,¹ quem vobis de verbo in verbum mittimus inspiciendum, per que privilegia et alia dicti prioratus seu celle, nominibus eorum seu earum expressis, sunt nobis et nostro monasterio confirmati. Item ad concludendum, ut certi sitis, quod prefati presidentes et visitatores regni Anglie non poterunt vos astringere ad aliquam sentenciam, sed solum denunciare dyocesano. Hoc poteritis pretendere per tenorem predicte decretalis *In singulis regnis*, tam in textu, quam in apparatu, per quam totum habent vigorem ad celebrandum capitulum antedictum et visitacionem faciendam. Item per privilegium Celestini pape iij nos et vos muniti simus iure speciali contra sentencias predictorum abbatum et quorumlibet aliorum, in quo quidem privilegio inter cetera ista continentur²: Statuentes ut nullus archiepiscopus, episcopus, archidiaconus, decanus seu ulla ecclesiastica superior inferiorve persona, nec eciam legatus sedis apostolice, nisi speciale mandatum habuerit, vos, monasterium vestrum sive speciales ecclesias vel alias possessiones vestras, vel earum custodes sive administratores, suspencionis, interdicti sive excommunicacionis sentencie subicere, vel a vobis vel possessionibus vestris, quicquam quod vobis molestiam inferat vel gravamen, vel priscis monasterii vestri consuetudinibus deroget, ullo ausu exigere vel extorquere presumat, et si presumptum fuerit, viribus careat et penitus evanescat etc.³ Cum igitur secundum antiquam monasterii nostri Beccensis consuetudinem approbatam et hactenus observatam, soli abbates dicti monasterii et locorum dyocesani visitacionem habuerint in prioratibus seu cellis predictis ab antiquo, nec umquam presidentes fo 120. seu visitatores predicti visitacionem in locis predictis exercuerint, [fo 118] manifestum est quod ipsi volentes vos visitare, et eorum correctioni vos subicere, priscis monasterii nostri consuetudinibus nituntur derogare, propter quod illud quod ipsi nituntur in hac parte facere, non valet nec debet valere, et si aliquid per ipsos presumptum fuerit, viribus debet carere et penitus evanescere.

Preterea cum nostri monasterii Beccensis consuetudines bone memorie patres sancti, meritis et scientia venerandi, videlicet venerabilis Lanfrancus et beatus Anselmus, monachi Beccenses, postea archiepiscopi Cantuarienses, necnon plures alii sancte religionis amatores et ordinis monastici zelatores preclari tenuerint, et approbaverint⁴; a quorum temporibus usque nunc nulli presidentes abbates seu visitatores, preter abbates Becci vel monachi Beccenses ab ipsis deputati, prioratus seu cellas nostras regni Anglie visitaverint; nec eciam priores locorum predictorum ad aliud capitulum aliquius abbatis, quam abbatis Becci, hactenus accesserint, manifeste patet, quod abbates et visitatores predicti volentes et nitentes compellere vos ad faciandum contrarium,

¹ Cf. Porée, *op. cit.*, I, 359–61.

² Cf. Porée, *op. cit.*, I, 323–5.

³ Nota, *left margin*.

⁴ appellaverint MS.

nobis et vobis vehementer iniuriantur. Quomodo enim possetis, vos qui estis membra monasterii Beccensis, alias consuetudines vel statuta, quam ea que observantur in capite, nisi in ipsius preiudicium tenere vel observare? Verum si hoc faceretis, non membra sed monstra, quod absit, essetis; maxime cum membra suo capiti in servicii divini unitate et ordinacione, ac aliarum consuetudinum regularium observatione, se debeant conformare, cum turpis sit pars que suo non congruit universo. Vos igitur, nisi viam sciatis meliorem, sicut predictum est, appellete. Valete. Datum etc'.

[x] *Littera domini abbatis Petri missa prioribus Anglie, continens raciones nostras contra dictos presidentes [c. Sept.-Dec., 1279].*

Petrus permissione divina etc., ut supra. Mittimus vobis alias raciones nostras contra abbates in Anglia presidentes et visitatores ordinis sancti Benedicti, qui volunt habere visitacionem et correctionem in prioratibus monasterio nostro Beccensi immediate subiectis, quod est per summos pontifices confirmatum.¹ Et est prima racio per quam potest probari quod non debent habere visitacionem vel correctionem in illis prioratibus, quia concilium generale, quod fuit ab Innocencio² tercio celebratum, loquitur tantummodo de abbacis visitandis per illos qui ab abbatis illius regni vel provincie fuerint electi in capitulo generali de triennio in triennium celebrando; patet igitur quod abbates illius regni dumtaxat sive provincie sunt ad illud commune capitulum convocandi. Cum igitur dominus abbas de Becco non sit de regno Anglie sive talis provincie, non debet ad commune capitulum abbatum de Anglia convocari.

¶ Preterea cum visitatores electi in illo capitulo debeant visitare singulas abbacias illius regni solum sive provincie, et isti prioratus non sint abbacie, quinimo prioratus abbatem proprium habentes, patet manifeste quod non debent aliquatenus visitari³ per illos, ad quod facit expresse *Extra de statu monachorum*, c. *In singulis, in principio, et c Ordinentur.*⁴

¶ Item mens fuit concilii memorati quod prioratus habentes proprium abbatem non visitarentur ab aliis abbatis, cum prima correctio pertineat ad abbatem, ut xxiiiij q. iij, *Corripiantur*⁵; *Extra de appellationibus, Ad nostram*,⁶ cum suis concordanciis. Nunquid dicit in principio, quod commune capitulum celebretur abbatum et priorum abbates proprios non habencium? Cum igitur hui habeant, patet quod de istis non intellexit. Item nunquid dicit, qui singulas visitent abbacias? Si enim intellexisset de prioratibus, ita bene dixisset de

¹ sic MS.

² Inicio MS.

³ visitare MS.

⁴ *Decr. Greg. IX*, lib. III, tit. xxxv, c. 7

⁵ *Decretum*, II, C. xxiv, q. 3, c. 17

⁶ *Decr. Greg. IX*, lib. II, tit. xxvij, c. 3.

illis, sicut de abbacis, ut Extra de decimis, Ad audienciam¹; ff. de
fo. 120v. legatis iij., Non alter²; C. de peculio eius qui libertatem meruit,
[fo. 118v] l. una³; xxxi.q.i, Quomodo virginibus,⁴ cum suis concordanciis
infinitis. Cum igitur de prioratibus habentibus abbates proprios⁵
non fecerit mencionem, patet quod de illis minime intellexit.

¶ Preterea cum a tempore concilii supradicti fuerint hui priores in ista libertate, et in possessione vel quasi pacifica et queta istius libertatis, illis abbatibus presentibus, scientibus, videntibus, tacentibus et pacientibus istos priores uti ista possessione vel quasi, non vi, non clam, non precario, ut ff. *si servitus vendicetur* 1. *Si quis diuturno*⁶; et sunt alii subditi quam illis abbatibus; patet manifeste quod contra eos, si necesse fuerit, prescrisperunt, ff. *de seru. l. iiiij.*⁷ ut a. ps.⁸ *Cum olim. et c. Auditio*, cum suis concordanciis.

¶ Preterea nuncquid Urbanus papa confirmat libertates prioratum et ex certa scientia et gracia speciali? Certe sic.

¶ Preterea nunquid plures Romani pontifices exemisse videntur istos prioratus et priores a iurisdictione archiepiscoporum, episcoporum et aliarum ecclesiasticarum personarum? Certe sic Verba enim privilegiorum semper debent aliquid operari, et privilegium debet aliquid concedere, ff. de legatis j. Si quando⁹; c. de thesauris, l. unica l.x.¹⁰; Extra de privilegiis c. In his,¹¹ cum suis concordanciis. quare¹² etc. locus est appellacioni, si non admittantur huiusmodi raciones, pre- sertim cum dominus abbas de Becco non sit circa hoc negligens vel remissus. Valete, ut supra.

[xi] *Hoc procuratorum missum fuit in Angliam.*

Hec est forma procuratori, quod missum fuit procuratoribus, qui pro nobis appellarent.

[P[eter] abbot and convent of Bec, appoint Hugo de Valle, clerk, and Laurencius dictus Hardel, as their proctors in all causes concerning Bec and *domos seu prioratus nostros de Stok' Lincoln' et Norwycensis dyocesum [sic]* and their other priories in England, brought against the abbots of St. Augustine's Canterbury and Glastonbury, presidents of the General Chapter of the province of Canterbury, or other presidents, and their visitors, or brought by them, in the Court of Rome. No date.]

¹ *Decr. Greg. IX*, lib. III, tit. xxx, c. 12.

² *Digest.*, lib. XXXII, tit. 1, 69 ³ *Codex*, lib. VII, tit. xxiii, 1

⁶ servitus] secundum MS.: *Digest.*, lib. VIII, tit. v, 10.

⁷ sic MS.: perhaps a corrupt reference to one of the titles *de servitutibus* in the Digest, lib. VIII, tit. 1-3.

⁸ sic MS : perhaps for *de prescriptionibus*; *Decr Greg. IX*, lib. II, tit. xxvi, c. 18, 15.

⁹ *Digest.*, lib. XXX, tit. 1, 109 ¹⁰ *Codex*, lib. X, tit. xv, 1.

¹¹ *Decr. Greg. IX*, lib. V, tit. xxxiii, c. 30 ¹² qr' MS

[xii] *Quomodo procuratores nostri appellaverunt contra dictos presidentes sub forma contenta in littera domini pape.*

Hoc procuratorio ac litteris et rationibus predictis transmissis priori et conventui de sancto Neoto, predicti procuratores pro nobis prioribus et prioratibus predictis de consilio iurisperitorum ad apostolicam sedem secundum formam contentam in littera domini pape, cuius tenor subscribitur, appellarunt. Qua facta sollempniter appellacione ac delata protinus ad curiam, dominus papa rescripsit | in hunc modum.

[*fo* 121][*fo* 119.]

[xiii] *Littera domini pape remissa super hurusmodi appellacione ad iudices subscriptos.*

Nicholaus episcopus [= the papal Bull, dated 2 Jan., 1280, printed above, No. 34A, vol I, p. 119; the following are the important variants: p. 119, l. 29, Roffensis [sic]; l. 30, Becco Hell'; l. 32, Bathon] Hactenus [sic]; p. 120, l. 14, correctionum et reformatiōnum; ex actis] erat; l. 15, paratur] paratus; l. 17, teneantur] tenebantur]

[xiv] *Quomodo causa predicte appellacionis non fuit determinata, sed multipliciter impedita.*

Precedens littera domini pape duplex tradita fuit procuratori Okebourn', et per eum missa priori et conventui de sancto Neoto, que per dictum priorem et per procuratores predictos fuit ostensa iudicibus antedictis. Sed quia prior Rofensis ecclesie,¹ unus de iudicibus memoratis, a sancto Neoto longe remotus, sepius sine magnis expensis adiri non poterat; et quia, sicut dicebat, erat quibusdam negotiis arduis occupatus, quominus poterat de dicto negocio se intromittere; *fo* 121^v. ac etiam quia non volebat, licet sepe rogatus, alium aliū vices suas | quoad [*fo* 119^v] hoc committere, nec alii duo iudices volebant sine ipso se super hoc intromittere; priusquam predictum mandatum esset determinatum,² memoratus papa decessit, et mortuo mandatore, mandatum expiravit. Cuius successoris tempore dictum mandatum extitit renovatum, sed nullatenus datum fuit execucione; quia predicti presidentes et visitatores a reverendo patre domino archiepiscopo Cantuar' et ab aliis pluribus prelatis et nobilibus regni Anglie pro sua presumptione reprehensi, a temeritate quam inceperant, iam supersederant et []³ supersederunt, priores et prioratus predictos in pace et quiete, sicut fieri consuevit, dimittentes. Quorum malicia, videlicet presidencium et abbatum predictorum, caveatur in futurum, et a bonis et fidelibus Beccensis ecclesia filiis in casu consimili, si contingat, viriliter reprimatur.

¹ John Renham, 1262-83.

² actaminatum MS.

³ blank space in MS.: for adhuc?

[xv] *Littera domini archiepiscopi Cantuar' contra dictos presidentes sub hac forma [16 Sept. 1280].*

Ad hec transcriptum littere domini archiepiscopi Cantuar' presentibus interserui :

Frater I. permissione divina Cantuar' ecclesie minister humilis, tocius Angle primas, religiosis viris abbatii de Abbindone Sarr', et priori sancti Neoti Lincoln' dyocesum, salutem, graciam et benedictionem. A vestra non credimus effluxisse memoria, qualiter ordinacio circa detruncacionem divini officii et contribucionem quarundam scolarum facta per presidentes ordinis sancti Benedicti in capitulo generali, de nostro et confratrum nostrorum omnium consilio, in prima congregacione nostra London' postquam de ordinacione huiusmodi innotuit,¹ certis ex causis extitit revocata, tanquam contra Deum, et in fraudem consuetudinis approbate ac institute a sanctis patribus, voluntarie attemptata; lata nichilominus per nos et ceteros confratres nostros excommunicacionis sententia in omnes illos, qui ordinacioni huiusmodi adhererent, vel alios ad hoc compellere conarentur. Quocirca vobis alias inhibuimus sub pena excommunicacionis late, et adhuc tenore presencium inhibemus, ne dictis presidentibus opere, consilio vel auxilio in premissis aliquatenus pareatis. Et quia intelleximus, quod prefati presidentes, nec Deum timentes, ut videtur, nec eciam reverentes, adhuc in suo proposito, seu pocius presumptione persistunt, cuius occasione alios renitentes coram ipsis vocari fecerunt, ut dicitur, ut sic, si possint, concessum eorum extorqueant; vobis per presentes committimus et mandamus in virtute obediencie firmiter iniungentes, quatinus vice et auctoritate nostra et confratrum nostrorum inhibeatis, ne ipsi presidentes aliquos de subditis nostris vel confratrum nostrorum per vocaciones seu alias coerciones vel vexaciones quascumque ad observacionem ordinacionis huiusmodi compellere presumant, nec ipsis votati eisdem in hoc aliquatenus pareant vel obedient, sub pena excommunicacionis prius late, quam ipso facto incurvant omnes contrarium facientes; et si aliquos inveneritis inhibicionem huiusmodi non verentes, et contra ordinacionem nostram et confratrum nostrorum in hoc facto temere venientes, ipsos nominatim denuncietis in excommunicationis sentenciam incidisse, quam faciemus | favente Domino usque ad satisfaccionem condignam inviolabiliter observari. Quod si fortassis presidentes ipsi huiusmodi occasione aliquas sentencias fulminaverint, denuncietis eas publice non ligare, utpote per nos et confratres nostros exigente iusticia pronunciatas prius et decretas esse irritas et inanes. In quibus omnibus et singulis vobis coniunctim et divisim, cum canonice coercionis potestate, committimus vices nostras. Diem vero receptionis presencium, et qualiter mandatum nostrum fueritis executi, nobis citra octabas sancti Michaelis per literas vestras

fo. 122

[fo. 120.]

¹ Cf. *Reg. epistolarum J. Peckham*, I, 150. It must be some meeting between the Council of Reading, 1279, and the Council of Lambeth, 1281.

patentes, tenorem presencium et factum vestrum seu processum in hac parte continentes, fideliter rescribatis Datum apud Buggedene xvij kal. Octobris, anno Domini M^o.CC^o. octogesimo, consecrationis nostre secundo

Hanc literam prior et conventus de sancto Neoto miserunt apud Beccum, retenta penes se ipsius originali

ADDENDA TO VOL. I, PART II.

[347] Misc Ch. 5712, in the Muniments of the Dean and Chapter of Durham, is a long roll of letters, connected with the priors of Durham, c. 1258–90; on membranes 9–11 *verso*, it contains a version of the Statutes of the General Chapters of the province of York, 1221–93, printed above, Nos. 135–135A, 140–1, 143, 145 (Vol. I, pp. 232–63).

The contents are as follows:

Nos. 135–135A [Statutes of 1221, 1221 *seq.*] Prologue, pars. 1–13 [14 omitted], 15–37 [37a omitted], < 37b > added, 38 [39 omitted here, because below], 40–44 [45 omitted here, because below], 46.

No. 140 [Statutes of 1273], Prologue, pars. 1–7; then the following inserted in another hand in the margin and a blank space < No. 140, pars. 8 [= No. 135A, 39], 9 [= No. 135A, 45] 10–11, No. 141 (i).>

Then the following, to the end, in the original hand, No. 143 [Statutes of 1287], Title, pars. 1–26. No. 145 [Statutes of 1293], Prologue, pars. 1–13.

The following are the more important textual variants:

No. 135 Prologue.] Ebor. provinc.] Ebor. dioc'; Lateran. concilii, abbates + priores, beati Thome primo. [2] hereditar' [3] proprietatum. [11] in clauistro [17] quarta feria—ut supra] om. [28] Curfu. [29] debet] debent. [32] monasterium] monasterio. [35] causa] om. [38] benefactorum] beneficiorum. [42] fuerit pronunciatum] pronuncietur.

No. 140. par. 7] Iacobi + < apostoli > interlin. [8 = 135A, 39] Constituciones] consuetudines. [9 = 135A, 45] Insuper—ea que] Item quia ea que. sint] sunt + statutum est. [10] ante et retro] ante retro.

No. 141 (i). De capitulo—infirmos] Item statutum est quod celerius Dunelm' visitet infirmos.

No. 143. Title] de Ebor' et de Witeby et priore Dunelm. [1] alia persona] ? alta persona. [4] vel ante—superiorum] om. [8] in sedilibus. [9] hos] hoc. [16] conservetur] servetur. [18] omnia] universa. et confessione priori abbati vel.

No. 145. Prologue] ecclesie] om. Iacobi + apostoli. fecerint] perfecerint. quam cicius] quam cito. ut tenentur] festinent. [1] festis precipuis et duplicitibus] festis principalibus. per totum annum] om. et facta tercia—consuetudinem] et signo pulsante ac facta trina. oracione expectent usquequo omnes intraverint, factaque brevi

oracione canant primam cum vij psalmis. cantant] canant. cantat] canat. statim post diebus feriis] om. diebus xij lectionum] diebus festivis. sextam-nonam] vj^am et ix^am canant conjunctim. et facta oracione-trinam oracionem] et canant primam et cetera ut supra diebus ieuniiorum tempore estivali, set faciant trinam oracionem ante terciam. [2] Item si-precedente] Item si vigilie sanctorum in dominica evenerint, die sabbati. [4] Couerfu. [6] salvis precipuis-dominicis] et in fernis xl^{me} idem fiat. [9] Item-canendo] Item quod *Agnus Dei* coniunctim canatur sine intervallo. [11] statuto-obstante] si forte copiam confratrum non poterit quis habere. [12] hystoria Gamal'. sancti]om. eradantur. [13] capitulum proximum foret. absentent.

[348. *A letter from the prior of Durham, to the abbot of St. Mary's York, concerning a meeting to be held at North Allerton on 25 Jan. [1287].*¹ Durham, Locellus III, 40²: recto, memb. I.

Reverendo patri in Christo . . Dei gracia abbati monasterii sancte Marie Ebor', . . p[ri]or] D[unelm'], salutem, non quam habet, sed qualem sciret sibi tam in presenti, quam in futuro preoptare prosperitatem. Literas vestras suscepimus continentes, quod vos cum venerabilibus patribus de W[hitby] et S[elby] abbatibus super precavendis periculis, que religioni nostre ex mora diurna generalis capituli nostri celebracionis iminere possent, quod absit, hac instanti die conversionis sancti Pauli apud Alverton' personaliter accedere proponitis interlocuturi; ubi eciam presenciam nostram requiritis pariter et rogatis. Super quo vobis tenore presencium significamus, quod languore, qui per multum tempus pedum incessum violenter nobis abstulit, cessante et per Dei auxilium evanescente, vestro rogatu dictis die loco pro viribus temptabimus obtemperare; quod si eodem languore prevalente, prout firmiter proponimus, fieri non poterit, tres vel quatuor de domus nostre majoribus, nomine nostro ibidem ad vos destinabimus, ad omnia et singula facienda et tractanda, que si personaliter interessemus nos ipsi faceremus, eisdem plenitudinem potestatis totaliter committentes. Nulla tamen pro certo nos excusabit temporis importunitas, si non forsan gravior nos prepeditat infirmitas Val[ete].

ADDENDA TO VOL. III, PART II.

[349. John [Fosser], prior of Durham, writes to the abbot of St. Albans; he fears that the King will forbid him to attend the coming

¹ Cf. Vol. I, pp. 252-3. The Chapters had been interrupted since 1279, owing to a dispute between the Chapter of Durham and the Archbishop of York.

² A formulary roll of letters, c. 1258-1308.

Chapter at Northampton; he promises to send Master John de Beverlaco as proctor in his absence, or to bring him as companion, if he is able to attend. [No. date: before c. 20 Aug., 1343.] Durham, Reg. II, fo. 116v. Cf. No. 195, above.]

NOTE ON THE VISITATION OF WHITBY, 1366 (NOS. 350-4).

The sequence of events seems to have been as follows:

(1) On 26 June, 1366, Whitby abbey was visited by the commissioners of the abbot of Bardney, visitor for the district.¹ This was evidently the usual triennial visitation; it revealed however a number of grave accusations against the abbot and monks, as set forth in Nos. 350 and 351. principally maladministration, incontinence, and a serious feud between the abbot and a few adherents, on the one hand, and a much larger opposition, including Thomas Hauksgarth, Peter Hertilpool, and the prior.² Apparently the Archbishop of York had already been called in, and had made injunctions; cf. pp. 284, 287, below, and cf. his letter about the maintenance of Hauksgarth at Selby for two years, and the sending away of Alan de Ak (the date of which must be 23 March, 1364/5, not 1374/5).³

(2) The visitor or his commissioners no doubt reported the state of affairs to the provincial chapter on 21 September, 1366, as a result of which a second and special visitation seems to have been ordered, to be carried out by one of the presidents, the abbot of St. Mary's York, and by Utred of Boldon representing the other two presidents, St. Albans and Bury St. Edmunds.⁴ This visitation, or at least the submission of the Whitby monks to it, took place on 12 October, 1366; and we seem to have its proceedings in the answers, "purgations," convictions, etc., in Nos. 352, 353. The visitors evidently enjoined the abbot to produce an inventory and a financial statement by 6 December.⁵

(3) Next comes the interesting letter, c. 8 December, describing the aftermath of the visitation, No. 354.

(4) Finally in No. 222 above, the abbot gives his financial statement, 10 December, 1366.

As to the sequel of the visitation: two monks convicted of immorality were ordered to other houses for reform. Whether the abbot of St. Albans actually came with royal authority, as was suggested (No. 354), there is no evidence; but the patent rolls do show the King intervening subsequently:

13 October, 1367: commission to inquire into dilapidation, etc., at Whitby.

¹ Cf. above, pp. 236-7.

² Cf. below, p. 291.

³ *Chartul. abb. de Whiteby* (*Surtees Soc.*, 1879), II, 657.

⁴ Cf. similar special visitations, above, II, 72, 153, 174; III, 92.

⁵ Cf. above, p. 63, and below, pp. 308-9.

2 April, 1371 : commission to arrest Thomas de Haukesgard as an apostate. The commissioners include Tho. Mauley.¹

18 May, 1371 : commission to inquire into complaints of the abbot of Whitby against Alex. de Lith, his steward ; the latter's alleged misdeeds include instigating certain monks to accuse the abbot before the King and Council, and the diocesan, and causing the abbot to be imprisoned in York castle by a writ from the King.²

The abbot remained in office till his death in 1374 ; he was succeeded by John de Richmond (1374-93), and Peter de Hertilpool (1393-4).

These documents are of very great interest, not only for the wealth of detail about monastic administration (such as carrodies, or the common seal), but also for the details of procedure, as showing the provincial chapter visitation at work in an exceptionally difficult case, *tam arduum negocium et quasi ab omnibus desperatum*. If from one point of view they give a depressing picture of the disorders of a "collapsed" house, they are at the same time a monument to the *zelus ordinis* and energy and patience of the leading men of the order, who had to handle this mass of accusation and counter-accusation ; note the trust put in abbot Thomas de la Mare of St Albans, the "patriarch of all monks,"³ who had just been making his royal visitations in the south ; note too the significant employment in this case of a great monk-scholar, Utred of Boldon, just now at the height of his career, one of the diffinitors of 1363, and soon to be involved in controversy with the Mendicants and with Wyclif.⁴ Utred's employment explains the preservation of these documents at Durham, and perhaps even explains the preservation of the Eynsham visitation document (No. 209, above) at Durham ; Utred may have borrowed this for comparison and guidance in the Whitby case, or he may have accompanied de la Mare on the visitation of Eynsham.

No. 350 is written on a parchment roll, c. 11 in. wide, of five members, 29 in., 29½ in., 9 in., 16 in., 14 in long respectively, and has later endorsements : p¹ 2^o longe ciste. / [43 struck through] 10 Visitacio apud Whiteby per abbatem sancte Marie Ebor. / 1^a 2^o ciste. [Cf. p. 34, above]

No. 351 is written on a parchment schedule, 8½ × 8 in., without title or endorsement.

No. 352 is a sheet of paper 11⅔ × 9 in., folded into two, with holes down the fold, as for sewing in a quire ; it is closely written on both sides. The watermark represents a man wielding an instrument, similar

¹ Cf. p. 300, below.

² Cal. Patent Rolls, 1367-70, p. 61, 1370-4, pp. 107, 109. For other examples of royal intervention in monasteries, see Wood-Legh, *Studies in Church Life under Edward III*, Chap. I

³ *Gesta abbatarum III*, 411.

⁴ Utred was at Oxford, from 1347 probably to c. 1367 ; incepted in theology, 1357 ; thrice prior of Finchale and twice subprior of Durham, 1367-96 ; d. 1396. Cf. Add. MS 6162, fo. 31^v, Tanner, *Bibliotheca*, 743, 444.

to the "Forgeron," Briquet, *Les Filigranes*, No. 7557 (Avignon, 1357, etc.). Pressmark: 14 1^a 2^e ciste.

Nos. 353 and 354 are written on a sheet of paper 11 x 17 in., folded into two, with a large rough watermark like a heart with three lobes at the top. Fols. 1, 1^v and 2 are covered with writing, fo. 2^v is blank except for an endorsement "Uthredus," no doubt referring to Utred of Boldon. The document was apparently folded and refolded several times, so as to form a long, narrow slip, the ends of which were brought together and pierced by a slit, and perhaps a string was passed through the slit, and secured by a seal, of which there are traces. Press mark: 10[47 struck through] 1^a 2^e ciste. Nos. 352, 353 and 354 appear to be written in the same hand.

An interesting feature is the series of annotations, in many cases apparently representing the comments of the visitors; these are printed here between brackets <>; they seem to be in the same hand as the text, added either in the left margin (= LM) or in the black spaces of the text.

[350. *Articles against the abbot and monks of Whitby, at a visitation.*
26 June, 1366.]

Durham, Miscellaneous, not catalogued.

Visitacio apud monasterium de Whiteby facta die veneris infra octavam nativitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno Domini [.]¹ Willelmum de Tanfeld, priorem prioratus de Wederall,² et Rogerum de Castro, monachum monasterii beate Marie Ebor', com[missarios] abbatem de Bardeney specialiter deputatos.

Articuli depositi contra abbatem.

Articulus 1. Depositum est contra abbatem quod non est discretus in temporalibus nec in spiritualibus, ut [bene ?] appetat per collapsum temporali[.] tempora, quia vendidit apud Eboracum viginti duo saccos lane per xl li, irrequisito consensu sui [conventus ?] eodem tempore in apoteca sua, ut estimatione, ducentas marcas.

<Iniungatur ne [de ce]tero talia presumat facere, sub pena amoncioris. > [LM]

2. Item depositum est contra eundem quod vendit corrodia frequenter absque sciencia et voluntate sui conventus contra statuta. Et si [.] quod statuta papalia sunt in contrarium, statim comminatur ei, et dicit quod non curat de eis, nec daret unam [ficum ?] pro [eis omnibus ?].

<Quot corrodia, et quibus personis, et in qua estate, et pro quantis summis. > [LM]

¹ Writing faded.

² Wetheral, a cell of St. Mary's York.

3. Item dep. contra eundem quod quando aliqua sunt contenta in statutis ad compescendum abbatem, ipsam particulam huiusmodi statuti abradit, et literam in favorem suum inserit.

<Si statuta papalia, puniatur pena falsi. Queratur in qua parte,
et in qua constitucione. >

4. Item dep. contra eundem quod a tempore quo dicti monasterii regimen est adeptus, caritatis et concordie fuerat continuus persec[.] ? fratres seu] inter se contrariantes non curavit ad concordiam reducere, sed partem conventus contra partem inflammavit [.] sibi [.]

luminariavit [.] sibi [.]
 <Videatur constitucio contra seminantes discordiam inter fratres. >
[LM]

5. Item dep. contra eundem quod cum sit antiqua consuetudo monasterii sui, quod abbas ac obedienciarii forinseci, legitimo impedimento cessante, diebus sabbati ad minus ad mandatum in capitulo et <ad> collacionem sint presentes, abbas qui nunc est vix quinque [ac] dicti obedienciarii [. . .] in anno dictis mandatis et collacionibus presenciam exhibent personalem.

6. Item dep. contra eundem quod cum singulis principalibus festis teneatur abbas de antiqua consuetudine missam ad [marus?] altare [. abbas] qui nunc est vix ter in anno in dicto altari celebrat ut deberet, sed quandam confratrem suum¹ [.] predecessoris istius abbatis convictus fuit de adulterio, et bina vice apostatavit, deieicto habitu regulari [.] incontinenter vivit, ut inferius plenius referetur, in festis natalis Domini et pasche et aliis solemnibus diebus [.] fecit in dicto altari missam solemniter celebrare, in scandalum ordinis manifestum.

< Tardus et tepidus in spiritualibus > [LM]

7. Item dep. contra eundem quod ad matutinas in choro de noctibus celebratas quinques in anno communiter non accedit, sed in sua [camera?] cum forinsecis obedienciaris predictis usque ad medium noctem fere qualibet nocte in commissacionibus et potacionibus vigilat inhonestis [...] sunt huiusmodi vigilis et crapula adeo ingurgitati, quod cum debeant surgere ad matutinas, communiter non possunt, et si dictis matutinis [...] non possunt debite cantare, nec in crastino celebrare.

<Indevotus in se et in correccione delinquencium. > [LM]

8. Item dep. contra eundem quod est adeo irreligiosus, quod <neque> adventum Domini neque xl^{am} solitus est ieiunare, nec suos subditos [. . .] ieiunia violantes ad illorum observanciam excitat vel compellit.

<Irreligiosus quo ad oraciones et ieunia. > [LM]

¹ Robert de Gisburne

9. Item dep. contra eundem quod cum coram eo et secum discumbentibus multum lauciora fercula apponantur, quam coram suo predecessor solebant apponi, de omnibus illis ferculis non datur tantum elemosinarie, quantum sufficeret in die ad duorum pauperum sustencionem; sufficeret tamen viginti pauperibus quolibet die dictorum residuum ferculorum, post discumbencium recreacionem, si modo debito et solito servaretur; nam dictus . . . abbas scienter permittit suos camerarios aliosque familiares residuum dictorum ferculorum distrahere, et suis tradere concubinis, et magna pars fragmentorum elemosine distribuitur canibus ad manducandum.

<Malum regimin in elemosina.> [LM]

10. Item dep. contra eundem quod olim in elemosinaria dicti monasterii de abbatis monachorumque fragmentis plures pauperes clerici solebant sustentari, qui monachis dum celebrarent missas diebus singulis iugiter ministrabant; modernis tamen temporibus in dicta elemosinaria, quia elemosina ut premittitur est taliter consumpta, huiusmodi pauperes scolares minime sustentantur, qua de causa in dicto monasterio pre defectu huiusmodi administrancium, ut asserunt monachi illius loci, nisi tres vel quatuor misse in die in ecclesia communiter celebrantur.

<Subtraccio divinorum officiorum causa prox' allegata> [LM]

11. Item dep. contra eundem quod inextinguibili avaricia adeo est cecatas, quod ut vulgariter in populo affirmatur capit de quibusdam iiii li. pro anno, de quibusdam xl s. pro dimidio anno, ut pro defunctis celebret annuale, vendit fraternitates in hospitali sancti Iohannis de Whiteby, capit a servis monasterii plures summas pecunie, recipit singulas oblitas decimas a parochianis, et capit ab omnibus conductoribus proventuum ad certos terminos dimissorum, et a singulis emptoribus corrodiorum certas pecunie quantitates; sed non hiis contentus, de ipsis summis grossis receptis ex contractu de locacionibus proventuum, vendicionibus corrodiorum et aliis allevacionibus indebitate perpetratis distraxit non modicam porcionem, quas summas et porciones singulas prenotatas non in usus necessarios ecclesie cui preest, sed propriis usibus applicat et reservat. Unde est de ipso abbatte communis opinio populi atque cleri, quod contra voluntatem sui conventus habet penes seipsum in thesauro pecunie magnas summas, de quibus cum urgens necessitas et evidens utilitas immeat, idem . . . abbas monasterio predicto negligit subvenire.

<queratur glossa> [LM]

12. Item dep. contra eundem quod cum in quadam visitacione ordinarii instancia abbatis tres confratres de incontinencia fuerunt publice impediti, dicti tres confratres canonice se¹ purgabant, sed dictus . . . abbas non hiis contentus impetravit a diocesano comissionem quandam

¹ se] om MS.

rectori de Hildewell continentem quod dictus rector indiceret purgacionem mulieribus pro quibus dicti tres confratres canonice se purgabant. Unde istis tribus mulieribus citatis ac apud ecclesiam parochialem de Whiteby in facie populi coram dicto rectore personaliter constitutis, due earum legitime se purgabant, sed tercia ea vice non potuit se purgare. Unde huius et aliis similibus causantibus, pauci vel nulli subditorum dicti abbatis eidem abbati confessionem integrum faciunt ut tenentur.

13. Item dep. contra eundem quod communiter precipit in virtute obediencie et sub pena excommunicacionis maioris, ac in capitulo, monitionibus legitimis non premissis in scriptis, excommunicat in hac forma. Auctoritate Dei Patris omnipotentis et Filii et Spiritus Sancti. Nos Willelmus permissione divina . . abbas monasterii de Whiteby excommunicamus in hiis scriptis omnes illos qui maliciose ecclesiam istam suo iure privare presumunt, bona eiusdem clam vel palam auferunt vel auferre conantur iniuste, furtu seu rapinas de bonis monasterii supradicti committunt, seu alios inducunt illicite ad bona eiusdem distrahenda, qui seculares vel regulares seu quoscumque alios procurant quoqvismodo ad illa per que ecclesia ista iniuste possit gravari, omnes autem proprietarios, incontinentes, inobedientes, conspiratores, false vel maliciose contra quoscumque prelatos vel fratres ex malicia componentes libellos infamie et eisdem consciencientes, literas seu eulogias transmittentes in subversionem ordinis seu statutorum a maioribus provisorum, et omnes illi quorum instinctu hec fecerunt, et quorum consilio vel auxilio ista ecclesia vexata, gravata vel perturbata fuerit iniuste, sint maledicti exterius et interius, maledicti in via, maledicti in agro, maledicti in civitate, maledicti in domo et extra domum, maledicti in omnibus locis; delectantur de libro vivencium, et cum iustis non scribantur, sitque pars et societas eorum cum Dathan et Abiron, sintque anathema mara nata, quod est perdicio in die iudicii, excommunicati et dampnati permaneant, et iaceant in inferno anime eorum extincte cum diabolo et angelis eius, nisi recipiscant et ad emendacionem et satisfaccionem veniant congruam. Fiat, fiat, Amen.

<Caueat ne talia faciat in futurum propter periculum irregularitatis et contemptum canonis. > [LM]

14. Item dep. contra eundem quod retinet in officio bursarii fratrem Willelmum de Hayton', quem abbasmet¹ in capitulo publice impetivit de fraudulenta distraccione xl. marcarum ab officio coquine, tempore quo dictus Willelmus dictum officium occupavit. Et quia idem frater de distraccione summe prediche apud . . abbatem, ut ipse asseruit, per graves personas multipliciter fuerat diffamatus, dictus abbas indixit eidem purgacionem. Unde quia dictus frater Willelmus non potuit canonice se purgare, submisit se ordinacioni et gracie predicti . . abbatis, sed de dicta summa nondum est dicto officio in aliquo satis-

¹ sic.

factum, nec idem frater iuxta regularem disciplinam est hactenus emendatus.

<Subiaceant pene in constitutionibus ordinate tam abbas quam alius. > [LM]

15. Item depositum est contra eundem quod retinet in officio sacriste quemdam¹ fratrem Reginaldum de Esyngton', qui secundum communem opinionem est proprietarius manifestus, sed cum <de> huiusmodi proprietate in diversis visitacionibus fuerat impetratus, dictus . . abbas ipsum semper sustinet et excusat, dicendo se habere noticiam pecunie remanentis penes predictum fratrem; igitur licet archiepiscopus, cum eidem conquerebat super huiusmodi excusacione, precepisset . . abbati et dicto fratri quod citra certum terminum revelarent priori claustralii et aliis confratribus dicte pecunie quantitatem, dicti . . abbas et confrater non curabant dictam quantitatem aliquibus hactenus revelare, in perniciosum exemplum suorum subditorum.

16. Item dep. contra eundem quod retinet quandam fratrem Iohannem Holm in officio precentoris, qui est sacrilegus manifestus, nam dictus frater sarcinas mercimoniorum dimissas in ecclesia noctanter dissolvebat viciibus iteratis ac furtive mercimonia plurima asportavit, que quidem mercimonia cum eodem fratre fuerint reperta, ac ipse frater per mercenarios fuerat publice diffamatus, sed dictus . . abbas hoc sciens ipsum fratrem per regularem disciplinam hactenus negligit emendare.

<declaretur articulus > [LM]

17. Item dep. contra eundem quod retinet in officio celerarii coquine quemdam fratrem Stephanum de Ormesby, qui absque causa rationabili conventui manifestata in duobus annis oneravit officium coquine ere alieno ad summam xxx li.

<Nota de negligencia abbatis in temporalibus > [LM]

19² Item dep. contra eundem quod retinet quandam confratrem Robertum de Gisborn', sibi valde carum, qui tempore suo in quadam visitacione fuit convictus de incontinencia commissa cum tribus mulieribus, <scilicet Matilda Fox, Alicia Spenser, Iohanna Poge,> et correccio per visitatores fuerat commissa predicto abbati; sed dictus abbas dictum fratrem iuxta regularem disciplinam hactenus corriger negligebat.

<Nota articulum xvij infra articulo primo contra Stephanum Ormesby. > [LM]

20. Item dep. contra eundem quod idem Robertus procreavit filium de uxore camerarii predicti abbatis, quod est manifestum, ac de abbatis

¹ quem MS

² There is no article 18 here, but cf art 1 against Stephen Ormesby, below, p. 296. The numbers of the articles 19-34 are over erasures, evidently corrected from 18-33; the original 34 being left, as 34 bis.

sciencia et permissione ipsum filium de sacro fonte levavit eidem nomen suum proprium imponendo ; unde cum super hoc fuerat idem Robertus convictus in ultima visitacione ordinarii, et ipsius correccio commissa predicto abbati, idem abbas dictum fratrem negligit emendare.

<Puniatur pena constitutionis>

21. Item dep. contra eundem quod retinet Robertum Edward in camerarium, qui ob premissa et in proximo precedenti articulo expressata retinet in adulterio aliam mulierem, uxore sua legitima derelicta ; unde cum dictus abbas ab archiepiscopo receperat in mandatis, ut ipsum camerarium a sua familia penitus separaret, ipsius mandatis negligit obedire, sed ipsum Robertum solum secum de noctibus in camera sua retinet, excluso suo capellano, qui seorsum in camera solus iacens habet ad illicita si voluerit liberum exitum et egressum, et hoc contra consuetudinem omnium predecessorum suorum antiquitus observatam.

<Ammoveatur Robertus de officio. > [LM]

<Si contempsit mandatum ordinarii, puniatur pena commissa > [LM]

22. Item dep. contra eundem quod Alanus Ake, dicti abbatis consanguineus et ut dicitur notarius publicus, ipsum abbatem contra suos subditos continue ad odium et rancorem excitat et inflammat, domino archiepiscopo de valencioribus personis <conventus> mendacia multa fixit, ac eciā in derogacionē status predicti conventus gravia scandala et obprobria in populo predicavit ; unde licet dictus archiepiscopus preciperet dicto . . abbati, ut illum sacerdotem a suo consorcio penitus separaret, cum eidem per quosdam de conventu graviter conquereretur, dictus sacerdos ter vel quater in mensa dicti abbatis ebdomadis singulis assolet epulari cum eodem abbe in monasterio et extra in suis maneriis, clam et palam, et in conciliis aliisque tractatibus communiter suam presenciam exhibens personalem, in grave dispendium monasterii supradicti.

<Queratur declaracio istius articuli. > [LM]

23. Item etc' quod locavit prefato sacerdoti altaragium ecclesie de Akeness pro certa pecunia pre manibus persoluta, ac eandem pecuniam vel ad minus viginti li. eidem sacerdoti mutuavit, ut vulgariter est relatum, <et de ecclesia de Ugilbardby sine aliqua causa percipit annuatim>

24. Item dep. contra eundem quod retinuit penes se in defensionem status sui quendam Thomam de Maulay, eidem ad terminum vite sue vel saltem pro tempore suo concedendo quandam annuam pensionem quinque marcarum preter scitum et voluntatem sui conventus ; et in populo communiter affirmatur¹; cuius animalia pascuntur in pasturis monasterii de permissione dicti abbatis, et bosci erusdem monasterii excoriantur et consumuntur ad grave dampnum, qui quidem Thomas

¹ sic.

dictum abbatem in suis erroribus sustinet et defendit, ac eciam minatur monachis prosequentibus pro reformacione <monasterii> iam pene collapsi, quod eos capiet et incarcerabit.

<Alienacio bonorum monasterii> [LM]

25. Item dep. contra eundem quod licet plures legis <regie> periti sint cum ecclesia de Whiteby retenti pro competenti salario ad terminum vite sue, dictus abbas contra scienciam et voluntatem huiusmodi peritorum contra potenciores <plures> movet lites, in quibus succumbit communiter per ineptam et indebitam prosecucionem, in ecclesie sibi commisso non modicam lesionem; nam dictus abbas non obstante quod suus conventus et supradicti periti, cum fuerant requisiti, sibi nullatenus consenserunt, sed pocius reclamabant, fecit prosterni clausum domini Roberti Conyers militis, pro quo quidem clauso de voluntate et precepto ipsis abbatis tantummodo sic prostrato ecclesia supradicta fuerat dampnificata ad summam cc xl li.

<Improvidus in temporalibus et nititur sensui suo.> [LM]

[membrane 2]

26. Item dep. contra eundem quod in alienacionibus temporalibus et perpetuis tempore suo sepius factis, ac in singulis arduis negotiis in quibus a parte iuris requiritur consensus conventus,¹ supradictus abbas tractando cum suo conventu communiter hunc modum observet, videlicet exposito aliquibus de conventu in sua camera quid sibi placuerit faciendum, si aliquis confrater ibi vel in capitulo huiusmodi proposito abbatis noluerit consentire, dicendo forte quod deducetur monasterium ad irrecuperabilem desolacionem, si diuciis corrogia continuemus vendere, pensiones vel alia onera cumulare, aut locare redditus vel proventus, pecuniam inde pre manibus assumentes, per quos videlicet redditus et proventus predicta onera debeant supportari, vel aliquid protulerit quo minus seu tardius dictus abbas suum propositum consequatur, profecto ipsum prosecutur odio capitali, ab administracione si quam habeat ipsum cicius removendo, vel ne claustrum exeat eidem striccius inungendo, et alius confratribus ne cum tali communicent inhibendo, vel ipsum emitendo ad cellam, irrequisito consensus sui conventus, in persone misse dedecus manifestum, aut ipsum vexando alii gravaminibus varus, ex quibus monasterio evenit istud malum, quod in alienacionibus per abbatem factis, ac ut est verisimile imposterum faciendis, non remanet aliquis in dicto conventu qui tum metu <correccions> excessum propriorum, tum metu huiusmodi persecucionis, abbatis voluntatem audeat denegare.

<Specificetur in particularibus iste articulus>

<Capitosus et improvidus>

27. Item dep. contra eundem quod anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo} lvj^{to}, quo anno dictus abbas ecclesie de Whiteby regimen est adeptus,

¹ conventus repeated in MS.

redditus et proventus spectantes eidem monasterio preter alios proventus qui in particulis subsequentibus apercius exprimuntur, se extendebant annuatim ad valorem et summam quingentarum et xl li., qui redditus et proventus omnes extiterant in manibus dicti abbatis per eum administrati citra tempus superius prenominatum. In presenti vero anno redditus et proventus existentes in manibus dicti abbatis vix se extendunt ad summam quadrungentarum et viginti librarum, que quadrungente et viginti libre ad omnes racionabiles et necessarias expensas dicti monasterii communiter facientes annuatim sufficiunt, ut patet per quamdam scripturam traditam dicto abbati coram domino nostro archiepiscopo, in qua redditus et expense huiusmodi explicite inseruntur, et ideo ex quo dicte quadrungente et viginti libre ut premititur sufficient annuatim ad omnes communes expensas monasterii, monachi illius petunt quod dictus . . . abbas ostendat aliquam legitimam causam, videlicet necessariam vel utilem, quare dicti redditus et proventus, valentes ut predictur quingentas et xl libras, qui omnes extiterant in manibus predicti abbatis, suo tempore sunt adeo diminuti.

<Queratur scriptura illa> [LM]

<Excusetur de dilapidacione si possit> [LM]

28. Item dep. contra eundem quod anno Domini supradicto invenit in officio stauri bidencium quatuor milia ovium; in presenti anno vix mille et quingente bidentes remanent in eodem, propterea cum quadrungente et viginti libre pretacte preter vendicionem vel aliquam distraccionem bidencium predictorum sufficient annuatim ad omnes expensas communes monasterii supradicti, exprimat dictus abbas veram causam quare dicti bidentes suo tempore efficiuntur adeo pauciores

<Est dilapidacio nisi excusat> [LM]

<Dependet de superioribus> [LM]

29. Item dep. contra eundem quod anno Domini supradicto recepit pro lanis tantum illius anni iij^{xx} xliij li., in presenti vero anno vix recipit pro lana xx li., unde iustum est quod dominus abbas insinuet veram causam, quare lane dicti monasterii in tantum suo tempore decrescebant.

<Sit pena dilapidacionis nisi excusat> [LM]

30. Item dep. contra eundem quod cum quadrungente et viginti libre supradicte sufficient annuatim ad omnes expensas communiter facientes in predicto monasterio, exprimat dictus abbas veram causam quare quercus at alias arbores valentes c marcas alienavit, vendidit et consumpsit.

31. Item dep. contra eundem quod cum sepedicte quadrungente et viginti libri sufficient annuatim ad omnes expensas ut premititur monasterii supradicti, exprimat dictus abbas aliquam causam necessariam vel utilem, quare tempore suo corrodia inferius expressata sunt vendita diversis hominibus ad terminum vite sue, videlicet Willelmo

Schepherd per annum sex eskeppes farine avenarum et una roba ; Willémo Parkour iiiij panes *abbatis* per ebdomadam ; Bartholomeo Chapman et uxori eius xiiij panes *abbatis* et xiiij lagene cervisie conventionalis, et de coquina sicut duo monachi habent in aula abbatis singulis ebdomadis ; Roberto Taylour iiij *quarteria* et duo estrikis frumenti per annum ; Hugoni Prudhome iiij *quarteria* et dim. frumenti per annum cum una roba ; Iohanni Middelwode iiij panes *abbatis* per ebdomadam ; Rogero filio Matilde vij panes *abbatis* et vij lagene cervisie cum una roba ; et quare eciam concessa est domino Ricardo de Rouclif pensio vj marc. ad terminum vite sue.¹

<Iminet pena que prius nisi excusetur. > [LM]

<Insuper exprimat abbas quare post decretum archiepiscopi > [LM]

32. Item retento themate superius iterato, respondeat dictus abbas, quare distraxit redditus et proventus officio sacriste et aliis minoribus officiis, <scilicet infirmarie, hostillarie, refectorie, cantarie, elemosinarie, offici operis ecclesie, > pertinentes, pretextu cuius distraccionis quedam de dominibus situatis in villa de Whiteby et alibi spectantes officiis supradictis minantur ruinam, quedam sunt penitus ad terram prostrate, ac meremum partim per extraneos asportatum, ac partim per abbatem venditum et donatum, ac edificia ipsorum officiorum, quia non reparata tempore oportuno, vestimenta, lectisternia et alia utensilia prelibatis officiis necessaria, ut solito minime renovata, ad insufficienciam flebilem sunt redacta.

<Hec est dilapidacio manifesta nisi excusetur > [LM]

33. Item dep. contra eundem quod cum in festo sancti Martini in hyeme immediate precedente tempus quo dictus abbas dicti monasterii regimen receperat, allecia rubea, pisces salse, carnes salse et sal pro tempore hyemali sufficiencia fuerunt dimissa in officio coquine monasterii supradicti, modernis temporibus huiusmodi necessaria in eodem officio termino supradicto minime sunt reperta, ideo respondeat abbas quare dictum officium <est > huiusmodi providencias destitutum.

34. Item petunt monachi monasterii supradicti quod eorum abbas respondeat, quare compulit priorem celle sue de Middleburgh solvere annuatim viij *quarteria* et dim. frumenti corroditoribus monasterii supradicti, et quare ipsem abbas abstulit a dicta cella xxx *quarteria* frumenti in uno anno, necnon quare cepit de dicto priore quandam annuam pensionem unius marce, et alia exhennia per plures annos contra voluntatem prioris qui pro tempore fuerat in eadem cella, occasione quarum exaccionum dicta cella adhuc remanet onerata, ac dominibus ruinosis adeo deformata, quod de recuperacione pristini status futura nostris temporibus penitus desperatur.

<Excusetur dilapidacio > [LM]

¹ Cf. list of corrodies in *Cart. Abb. de Whitby*, I, 322.

34.¹ Item dep. contra eundem quod anno Domini supradicto, ius patronatus ecclesie de Sutton super Derwent spectabat monasterio de Whiteby , nunc vero dictum ius patronatus venditur et alienatur pro perpetuo ab ecclesia supradicta ; ideo doceat dictus abbas que urgebat necessitas, ut ius patronatus huiusmodi venderetur.

<Queratur si de consensu capitulh, et si sine, tunc dilapidacio
[LM]

35. Item dep. contra eundem quod anno eodem fuerat monasterium de Whiteby in possessione cuiusdam annue pensionis vj skepparum farine avenarum solvend' per abbatem de Heppe ² Karleolensis diocesis, sed dicta pensio pro maiori parte tempore istius abbatis dicto monasterio de Whiteby non fuerat persoluta, ideo respondeat . . abbas quare dictam pensionem ab ecclesia sua indebite sic distractam ad eandem ecclesiam negligit revocare.

<Negligencia in temporalibus>

36. Item dep. contra eundem quod pro huiusmodi rebus alienatis, locatis, venditis et distractis, in quibus monasterium de Whiteby plerumque ultra medietatem iusti precii fuerat defraudatum, per eundem abbatem subscripte summe pecunie fuerunt recepte, videlicet de ecclesia de Cresseby in Westmorland c li. De cella de Middelesborgh mobilia valencia xxx li. De ecclesia de Aton' in Clifland lv li. De ecclesia de Ingelby lli. De capella de Donesley et Aselby et Ugilbarby xl li. De ecclesia de Hakeness xl li. De ecclesia de Semer c li. De porcione conventus in ecclesia de Nafferton x li. De molendinis de Hakeness xxvj li. xiiij s. iiiij d. De bosco vendito lx li. De bidentibus venditis xxvj li. Pro lanis venditis pre manibus cxl li. Pro iure patronatus ecclesie de Sutton' super Derwent vendito xxvj li. xiiij s. iiiij d. De aqua de Eske et molendinis de Ryswarp' lxvj li. xiiij s. iiiij d. De villa de Whiteby iiij^{xx} li. De Iohanne de Elmeswell pro corrodio xxij li. vj s. viij d. De Willelmo Parkour, Iohanne Middelwod, Roberto Somer et Alano Fordon pro eodem xxij li. xiiij s. iij d. De Roberto Taylour pro corrodio xx li; De Willelmo Schepherd pro corrodio xxvj li. xiiij s. iij d. De Bartolomeo Chapman pro corrodio xlvi li. De Rogerio Malynesone pro corrodio xiiij li. xiiij s. iiiij d. De Adam Prudhome xv li. xj s. viij d. De forestario de Holmes iij li vj s. viij d. Pro manumissione duorum servorum iij li vj s. viij d. De officio sacriste et aliis minoribus officiis monasterii supradicti xl li. Summa tocius M¹ lxvj li. vj s. viij d. preter recepta <pro> corrodio ultimo vendito.

<Oportet quod debite respondeat, alias depon[at]jur>

37. Item dep. contra eundem quod inspectis facultatibus ecclesie, cui preest, iuxta earundem facultatum suppetenciam suas expensas habeat moderare, nec locaciones, distracciones, alienaciones perpetuas sive temporales facere debeat quovismodo, nisi urgens necessitas aut

¹ = 34 bis; on account of the renumbering of the preceding articles 19–34.

² Shap abbey; cf *Cart. Abb. de Whityb*, I, 219–20.

evidens utilitas hoc suadeat manifeste, in quibus casibus tenetur abbas pecuniam receptam pro huiusmodi locacionibus vel alienacionibus in usus necessarios et utilitates sue ecclesie evidentes et non in alios effundere absque fraude. Quapropter cum redditus et proventus se annuatim extendentes ad quadringentas et viginti libras adhuc existentes in manibus dicti abbatis preter res locatas distractas vel alienatas, ut superius est expressum, ad omnes necessarias et utiles expensas in dicto monasterio facientes sufficient annuatim, necessarium est quod supradictus Willelmus de Burton abbas dicti monasterii de Whiteby ostendat apertissimis documentis, in quos usus necessarios, vel in quas evidentes et durabiles utilitates sui monasterii converterat supradictas pecunie quantitates, presertim cum toto tempore eiusdem abbatis de facultatibus in suis manibus existentibus nunquam fuerunt alimenta suis claustralibus ministrata.

<Fiat ut supra > [LM]

38 Item dep. contra eundem quod licet per statuta Benedictina ac eciam statuta edita a presidentibus in capitulo generalibus nigrorum monachorum provincie Anglicane pro dispendiis ecclesiarum evitandis sint provide ordinata remedia oportuna, dictus tamen abbas illa statuta esse asserit revocata, nec ipsum ad illorum observanciam esse in aliquo obligatum, nec constituciones editas in ultimo capitulo generali¹ in suo conventu hactenus publicavit, sed illas penes se retinet et occultat.

<Arguitur de contemptu > [LM]

39. Item dep. contra eundem quod diversa sunt officia in monasterio, quorum redditus et proventus ad solum nutum abbatis convertuntur in alios usus, quam in eodem monasterio fuerat antiquitus usitatum, unde ut dicitur dicta officia ad supportandum eis incumbencia non sufficiunt his diebus

40. Item dep. contra eundem quod non spectant ad usum hostilarii nisi quindecim s., qui non sufficiunt sibi pro expensis necessariis, quae de causa supervenientes hospites non recipiuntur humaniter nec honorifice ut deceret.

41. Item dep. contra eundem quod pro sexdecim s. et viij d. ab officio infirmarie distractis et sibi restituendis, in pleno capitulo coram toto conventu publicum prestitit iuramentum, quod iuramentum nullatenus observavit.

<Declaretur quare vel qualiter prestitit iuramentum >

<Queratur an fuit promissum an iuramentum > [LM]

42. Item dep. contra eundem quod est nimis austerus et indiscretus in correccionibus faciendis.

<Quibus personis > [LM]

¹ The statutes of 1363, above, vol II, No 157. Note the old rumour about the revocation of the Constitutions of Benedict XII (cf p. 22, above); this helps to explain their emphatic confirmation in the Bull of 1383 (above, pp. 80, 88-92).

43. Item dep. contra eundem quod ipse onerat singulis annis monasterium suum in diversis debitis per scripta obligatoria ad summam xl li, illam summam aliquando excedendo, aliquando minuendo, ad suum libitum, absque tractatu prehabito in conventu, in grave dampnum monasterii supradicti.

<Villicus iniquitatis,¹ ut videtur> [LM]

44. Item dep. contra eundem quod in die sancti Willelmi interdixit duodecim confratribus suis egressum claustrum, donec consentirent ad sigillacionem obligacionum factarum contra ordinacionem domini archiepiscopi in ultima visitacione sua, quibus fratribus assensum suum racionabiliter et propter zelum religionis sigillacionem dictarum obligacionum negantibus, dictus abbas ipsas duas obligaciones auctoritate propria fecit in crastino sigillari, et hoc facit multociens diversis sociis de conventu, qua de causa frater Willelmus de Ormesby adhuc remanet in diversis penis sibi impositis per abbatem.

<Querantur nomina fratrum, et que fuit ordinacio archiepiscopi.> [LM]

45. Item dep. contra eundem per maiorem partem et seniorem tocius conventus, quod cum venerit in capitulum pro obligacionibus et scriptis consignandis in eodem, si contingat aliquem fratrem ob zelum comodi domus quicquam dicere consulendo, statim abbas prorumpit in austeritatem et verba contumeliosa, eidem fratri culpas et penas multimodas imponendo, ita quod vix aliquis de conventu audet dicere veritatem.

<Exprimantur in specie.> [LM]

<Nimis voluntarius et auxterus.> [LM]

46. Item dep. contra eundem quod nec ipse nec suus conventus dicunt ad primam, completorium vel ad missas suas *Confiteor* seu *Misereatur*, prout decernitur et statuit auctoritate capituli generalis², ideo iniungatur eisdem ut secundum modum et formam dicti captuli ab omnibus et singulis utrumque de cetero dicatur, prout in dictis statutis plenius continetur.

47. Item dep. contra eundem quod tam abbas, quam multi alii confratres de conventu vestibus utuntur diversi coloris, et maxime de burneto; ideo iniungatur tam abbati, quam omnibus aliis de conventu, ut vestes sue quibus incedunt, fiant amodo mere nigre, <nec utantur amodo tunicis fissis.>³

48. Item dep. contra eundem quod ex sciencia sua silencium, quod est clavis religionis, et cultus iusticie, inter religiosos in oratorio, claustro et aliis locis debitis a suis monachis nullatenus observatur, quinimmo quandoque duo, tres et plures in angulis claustrum stant insimul confabulantes

¹ Cf. Luc. xvi, 8.

² Cf. Statutes of 1343, I, 7-8, above, vol. II, p. 31.

³ Cf. Statutes of 1363, II, 1-8, above, vol. II, pp. 66-9.

49. Item dep. contra eundem quod cum¹ capitulum annuale quod in singulis monasteriis singulis annis iuxta effectum statutorum <Benefictinorum>² celebrari deberet, in suo monasterio de Whiteby non celebratur, nec celebratum fuerat a tempore publicacionis statutorum.

50. Item dep. contra eundem quod clerici non sunt deputati ad singula altaria pro missis in ecclesia celebrandis.

51. Item dep. contra eundem quod non habet scolares in studio generali, nec iuvenes fratres habent instructorem in primitivis sciencis, ut per constitutiones Benedictinas districcius obligatur.

52. Item petitum est ut iniungatur abbat, quod ostendat statum sui monasterii annis singulis saltem semel.

53. Item dep. contra eundem quod ex permissione <sua> monachi in solaciis suis habent seculares secum canes venaticos adducentes.

54. Item dep. contra eundem quod seniores et infirmi paciuntur maximum defectum in cibis et potibus, mappa mensali, cipho murreo, et vasis pro cibaris deferendis de coquina, et famulis servientibus eisdem, sunt etiam ultimi quibus deferuntur de coquina, cum tamen esse debeant inter primos.

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55. Item dep. contra eundem quod socii sui de conventu non percipiunt de die ad comparvagium suum nisi tantum unum d. et ob.

56. Item dep. contra eundem quod medici non exhibentur infirmis de sumptibus officii infirarie nec ministratur eisdem de aliqua dieta nisi sicut sanis existentibus in conventu.

Articuli depositi contra priorem.

1. Depositum est contra Matheum Dawnay priorem quod ipse et alii confratres, videlicet Iohannes de Rychemond, Iohannes de Allerton', Iohannes de Levyngton', Iohannes de Marton', Willelmus de Ormesby, Robertus de Boynton', Willelmus de Iarum, fuerunt cooperatores,³ factores et manutentores fratris Thome de Haukesgarth, confederati ad invicem in omnibus punctis contentis de inobedientia, prout de plano constare poterit inquirenti; isti enim conspiratores ad invicem confederati in subversionem ordinis et contra statum domus et in dilapidacionem rerum monasterii de Whyteby notorie insistunt, pro eo quod bona eiusdem monasterii in manibus suis detinere non possunt ad dilapidandum, de qua dilapidacione alias convincebantur, et etiam culpabiles per abbatem proprium fuerunt reperti.

2. Item dep. contra eundem Matheum quod est proprietarius notorius ex hoc quod unum equum definit sine licencia et scientia abbatis sui, preter alium quem habet de eius petita licencia et obtenta.

¹ sic MS.

² interlin. over provincialium struck through.

³ coopertores MS.

3. Item dep. contra eundem quod est mercator publicus de equis et aliis mercibus emendis

4. Item dep. contra eundem quod foveat fratres obloquentes de abbatे et eorum excessus occultat, et est acceptor personarum, in derogacionem ordinis et contemptum

Articulus depositus contra Ricardum Malton.

1. Depositum est contra fratrem Ricardum de Malton quod de eo suspicio gravis regnat, quod habet magnam summam pecunie, in tantum quod proprietarius publicus nominatur

Articuli depositi contra Robertum Gysborgh'.

1. Depositum est contra Robertum Gisborgh' quod diffamatur super adulterio commisso cum Ydonia de Egerton, qua de causa Robertus Edward maritus dicte Idomie ipsam totaliter dimisit; qui Robertus de purgacione facienda requisitus ipsam facere penitus recusavit

2. Item dep. contra eundem sicut articulus vj contra abbatem.

3. Item contra eundem ut supra articulo xix¹ contra abbatem <negat articulum>

4. Item sicut supra xx^{mō}¹ contra abbatem <negat articulum>

Articulus depositus contra Iohannem Alverton

1. Item depositum est contra Iohannem Alverton quod est notorius dilapidator bonorum monasterii et destructor bonorum celle de Middleburgh; comprobatus est eciam conspirator publicus, et pecuniam multam et sigillum commune capituli furtive surripuit, <cum quo> quoddam scriptum obligatorium signillavit. Est eciam communis detractor, confederatus ad illicita sustinenda cum fratre Iohanne de Rychemond, Iohanne de Levyngton', Iohanne de Marton' et aliis conspiratoribus.

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Articuli depositi contra Thomam Haukesgarth.

1. Depositum est contra fratrem Thomam de Haukesgarth quod est rebellis abbati suo, et inobediens mandatis suis licitis, canonicis et honestis sibi per dominum abbatem factis, exit eciam cellam de Middleburgh sine petita licencia et optenta, et contra inhibicionem ipsius abbatis expressa; asserit eciam preter hoc quod vult exire dictam cellam sine licencia, quandocumque fuerit sibi placens.

2. Item dep. contra eundem quod die dominica proxima ante festum sancti Petri in cathedra² anno Domini ccc^{mō} lxiiiij^{to} in presencia maioris partis conventus abbas iniunxit sibi pro salute anime sue in forma que subsequitur, cuius copia fuit liberata sibi in scriptis die lune proxima

¹ over erasure.

² 16 Feb., 1364/5

ante festum sancti Gregorii¹ anno Domini supradicto. Nos Willelmus permissione divina abbas monasterii de Whiteby, ordinis sancti Benedicti, Eboracensis diocesis, te Thomam de Haukesgarth eiusdem monasterii monachum nostrum, qui ante hec tempora bona dicti monasterii, ut argentum et aurum ad magnam summe quantitatem, vasa argentea et aurea, libros, equos et plura alia animalia tanquam proprietarius notorius temeritate propria ad usum tuum proprium in periculum anime tue manifestum, contra voluntatem nostram et absque licentia nostra petita vel obtenta, illicite occupare ac detinere presumpsisti; ac nos quominus in ipsis bonus monasterii administrare, et ea in utilitatem monasterii convertere valeamus notorie impedivisti; primo, secundo et tertio monemus in hiis scriptis, quod omnia et singula bona predicta, que notorie detines occupata, infra octo dies proximo sequentes nobis plenarie restituas, et nos in eisdem bonis ad utilitatem ipsius monasterii, quod nostro incumbit officio, libere administrare permittas, sub pena excommunicacionis maioris, quam sine mora culpa et offensa tuis precedentibus et illud merito exigentibus, si monicionibus et iniunctionibus nostris predictis contraveneris, seu eisdem non parueris cum effectu, in personam tuam canonice proferimus in his scriptis. De qua illicita detencione per decretum domini archiepiscopi Eboracensis nuper super hoc editum ipso facto excommunicatus extitit et existit, super quo prefatus Thomas in capitulo impetratus et publice proclamatus, dicit quod dicta sententia per abbatem suum proprium fuerat revocata.

3. Item dep. contra eundem quod irregulariter et inordinate converatur, contrariis substancialibus ordinis communiter utens, ut proprietate, prout patet per decretum domini archiepiscopi Eboracensis, in iniunctionibus et monicionibus sibi factis per abbatem suum proprium, pro quibus extitit excommunicatus ipso facto per decretum domini supradictum.

4. Item dep. contra eundem quod de incontinencia eum diversis mulieribus graviter infamatur, videlicet cum Idonia de Egerton, cum Isabella de Werk de Eboraco, cum Cecilia uxore Rogeri le Parkour, mulieribus maritos habentibus, et de eisdem ut dicitur filios procreavit, de quibus pluries impetratus, nunquam canonice se purgavit, in anime sue periculum non modicum, et aliorum confratrum suorum perniciosum exemplum, prout plenius patere poterit per famam et fide dignorum relacionem.

5. Item dep. est contra eundem quod mandato canonico ab abbe proprio sibi iniuncto inobedienter facere recusavit, et de perjurio ratione iuramenti abbati suo prestiti² per instrumentum publicum potest convinci.

6. Item dep. contra eundem quod contra prohibicionem prelati sui multociens et illicite a monasterio de Whiteby recessit causa vagandi

¹ 10 March, 1364/5.

² prestito MS.

in seculo, contra consuetudinem domus religionis et in anime sue periculum manifestum.

7. Item dep. contra eundem quod ille et alii complices sui contra voluntatem et prohibicionem abbatis sigillum commune dicti monasterii furtive ceperunt, violenter detinuerunt, literas obligatorias usque ad summam ccc^{orum} florenorum, vel ad quamcumque aliam summam aliquis sub eodem sigillo eis duxerit mutuandam, cum eodem sigillo sigillarunt.

8. Item dep. contra eundem quod induxit priorem et singulos de conventu, tribus exceptis, qui non celebrarunt plene per quinque ebdomadas, qui fratres armati incedebant, abbatem comminantes et ipsius ministros enormiter vulnerantes et verberantes maliciose; principaliter tamen iste actus nepharius per ipsum fratrem Thomam exercebatur, in obprobrium ordinis et in subversionem status monasterii supradicti.

9. Item dep. <est>¹ quod Thomas Haukesgarth, Willelmus Ormesby, Robertus Boynton' sunt invicem confederati, et conspirarunt in subversionem sui prelati, et quod sunt seminatores discordiarum inter fratres, et suscitarunt brigas contra abbatem per duos annos; sunt eciam ita inordinate se habentes quod vix sunt tollerabiles in conventu.

Articuli depositi contra Petrum Hertilpool.

1. Depositum est contra Petrum Hertilpool quod est conspirator contra abbatem suum. Est eciam diffamatus de incontinencia cum duabus mulieribus, Matilda Dadd, et cum Marioria Leche de Whiteby.

2. Item dep. contra eundem quod fuit causa movens mortis Thome Haukesgarth,² et contra eundem die ac nocte conspiravit pro ipsius deposizione.

3. Item dep. contra eundem quod quando fuit in officio bursarii domus, conductit et retinuit Iohannem Elotessone de Whiteby cum uxore sua, Iohannem Scot de eadem, et Alanum filium Ade Hakeness, ministrando eis robas de bonis monasterii in manibus suis tunc existentibus, contra voluntatem et prohibicionem abbatis sui, in dilapidacionem notoriam bonorum monasterii supradicti.

4. Item dep. contra eundem quod collegit bona monasterii apud Middelesburgh ad usum suum proprium, et multociens monitus per abbatem, ea remittere noluit monasterio. Et quando fuit in officio coquine, bona cuiusdam navis confracte sibi usurpavit, et ad usum suum proprium retinuit, propter quod domus expost magna dispendia paciebatur.

5. Item dep. contra eundem quod iuravit domino Willelmo de Burton abbati, quod nunquam ipsum diffamaret, nec aliquid in sui preiudicium attemptaret, tactis evangeliis sacrosanctis, in die sancti Clementis³ anno

¹ interlin. over contra eundem struck through.

² A former abbot (1322-55)

³ 23 Nov.

Domini millesimo ccc^{mo} lxv^{to}; qui postea false et maliciose contra abbatem suum illicitas conspiraciones fecit, et alios confratres ad illud faciendum induxit, contra suum prefatum iuramentum.

Articuli depositi contra Iohannem Holm'.

1. Depositum contra fratrem Iohannem Holm' quod ipse diffamatus est de incontinencia cum quadam muliere vocata Alicia Glewe, et dicitur quod non purgavit se, licet fuerat requisitus.

<2. Item contra eundem sicut supra xvij^{mo} articulo contra abbatem. De isto articulo secundo fuit impetratus et correctus, ut capitulum testatur. >

Articuli depositi contra Reginaldum Esyngton'.

1. Item depositum contra Reginaldum Esyngton' quod erat convictus de proprietate in visitacione quadam magistrorum Iohannis Hery et Iohannis de Waltham,¹ commissarii domini archiepiscopi Eboracensis; cui eciam fuit per dominum archiepiscopum iniunctum, quod proprietatem huiusmodi relinqueret; tamen ut adhuc dicitur magnam summam auri et argenti retinet penes se in tantum quod proprietarius potest racionabiliter nuncupari.

<2 Item nota contra eundem ut supra articulo xv^{mo} contra abbatem. >

3² Item dep. contra eundem quod propter defectum eiusdem altaria in ecclesia ornantur nimium inhoneste.

4² Item dep. contra eundem quod est inter abbatem et conventum communis discordie seminarior.

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Articuli depositi contra Robertum Boynton'.

1. Depositum est contra Robertum Boynton' quod carnaliter cognovit unam monialem vocatam Katerinam Megeir de Rossedall, et ipsam detinet sub expensis suis, et quicquid poterit adipisci ad illam destinat de bonis monasterii de Whiteby. Idem Robertus eciam quinque coclearia argentea ab hostilaria furtive abstulit, observancias regulares observare recusat, nec missas nec matutinas nec officium diurnum celebrat seu nocturnum.

2. Item dep. contra eundem quod contra voluntatem et prohibicionem sui abbatis, et contra decretum domini archiepiscopi Eboracensis, ad villam de Whiteby frequenter accedit. Idem eciam Robertus est maxime dissolutus et in omnibus suis factis incorrigibilis existens.

¹ probably the later Bp. of Salisbury and Treasurer of England, d 1395
² these numbers are corrections

Articuli depositi contra Willemum Ormesby.

1. Depositum est contra Willelmum Ormesby quod diffamatur cum uxore Thome Palfreyman, quod eam carnaliter cognovit, et bona monasterii super eandem dilapidavit et consumpsit, eam publice detinens, contra salutem anime sue et in sui ordinis detrimentum.

2. Item dep. contra eundem quod ante hec tempora cognovit quan-dam Marioram filiam Willelmi Parkour, et quod detinuit ipsam in quadam domo monialium, et ibidem sibi exhibuit necessaria de bonis monasterii supradicti.

3. Item dep. contra eundem quod cameram domini abbatis intravit, et furtive sex libras argenti asportavit et detinet ad proprium usum suum.

4. Item dep. contra eundem quod est conspirator, et revelat secreta capitulo, tam secularibus, quam regularibus, in scandalum religionis. Idem eciam misit literas et eulogias apud Middelesburgh et alibi in defamacionem domus et prelati sui, contra decretum super hoc editum domini archiepiscopi Eboracensis.

5. Item dep. contra eundem quod multociens recessit a claustro apostatando, nec petita licencia nec obtenta.

Articuli depositi contra Stephanum Ormesby.

1. Depositum est contra Stephanum Ormesby quod falsificavit sigillum abbatis; nam accepta quadam carta scripta signata sigillo abbatis, subtiliter delevit omnes literas scriptas in eadem, ac rescripsit aliud novum dictamen in eadem, obligando monasterium in decem libras cuidam seculari, sigillo abbatis eidem carte ut prius integro remanente¹, de quo defectu adhuc nullatenus¹ fuerat emendatus

<Istud titulatur xvij in articulis contra abbatem > [LM]

2. Item dep. contra eundem quod in dormitorio pernoctans, rarissime ad collacionem accedit.

3. Item dep. contra eundem quod recipit pecuniam pro habitu suo et alius necessarius contra constituciones Benedictinas.

<4. Item contra eundem ut supra articulo xvij^{mo} contra abbatem >

Articulus depositus contra Willemum de Hayton'.

Depositum est contra eundem ut supra articulo xiiiij^{mo} contra abbatem.

[351. *Articles against Thomas de Hauksgarth, monk of Whitby.*
[c. 26 June, 1366.]²

Durham, Misc. Ch. 2602.

j. Frater Thomas de Haukskarth viij die mensis Maii anno Domin etc' lxv^{to} a capitulo monasterii de Whitby et a correccione abbatis su

¹ over erasure

² This is evidently the "schedule" referred to in No 352, p. 300, below.

preter et contra voluntatem et inhibicionem dicti abbatis inobedienter recessit, nec correccionem eiusdem subire voluit, sed expresse recusavit, et alios de conventu in contemptum ordinis ad idem faciendum induxit.

ij. Item idem frater Thomas v^{to} die mensis Ianuarii anno Domini supradicto a monasterio de Whitby inobedienter et contra preceptum abbatis sui recessit, contra iuramentum eiusdem Thome et decretum domini abbatis Ebor' in hac parte de consensu eiusdem Thome editum.

iiij. Item idem Thomas die sancti Thome apostoli anno Domini supradicto cum quibusdam aliis sibi adherentibus ad obligandum dictum monasterium et ad mutuum contrahendum ad summam ccc florenorum fecit quandam literam obligatoriam, et sigillum commune dicti monasterii eidem litere apposuit seu apponi fecit, contra voluntatem sui abbatis et aliorum confratrum suorum.

iiiij. Item idem Thomas a festo sancti Thome apostoli anno Domini supradicto usque festum epiphanie tunc prox' sequens cum alius noctanter ad insidiandum dicto abbati suo de Whitby cum armis incessit, et quandam vocatum Iohannem del Heved insequebatur et violenter percussit.

v. Item dictus frater Thomas anno supradicto a festo sancti Iohannis ante portam latinam usque vij diem mensis Iunii a celebracione missarum cessavit, et maiorem partem conventus voluntarie cessare fecit et procuravit.

vj. Item idem frater Thomas ad mandatum abbatis sui ad cellam suam de Midlesburgh, ut debuit, accedere indebitac inobedienter recusavit, ut patet per literam domini archiepiscopi Ebor'.

vij. Item idem frater Thomas dixit publice in capitulo se nolle parere mandatis dicti abbatis sui, et quod non curavit aliqualiter de eisdem.

viiiij. Item idem Thomas bina vice inobedienter recessit de dicta cella de Midlesburgh absque licencia dicti archiepiscopi Ebor' et abbatis sui, ubi morari debebat <et>¹ iussus fuerat per dominos archiepiscopum et abbatem predictos, maioris excommunicacionis sentenciam a dicto domino archiepiscopo provide latam ac crimen apostasie dampnabiliter incurriendo

ix. Item idem frater Thomas, contra monitionem per dictum abbatem <suum> sub pena excommunicacionis late debite sibi factam, de universis bonis que penes eum detinebat infra certum terminum competentem eidem abbati restituendis, diu post terminum predictum eadem bona penes se detinebat, quoisque frater Rogerus de Castro ipsum Thomam ad aliqua de bonis predictis restituenda induxit, sicque proprietatem, inobedientiam et periurium incurriendo.

¹ *interlin over ut struck through.*

[352. *Submission and examination of the abbot and monks of Whitby as to the articles in Nos. 350 and 351. 12 Oct., 1366.]*

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Summissio abbatis et conventus die sancti Wulfridi anno Domini lxxij^o.

Ego frater Willelmus de Burton', abbas monasterii de Whitby, summitto me in omnibus visitacionem in dicto monasterio nostro ultimo factam tangentibus, ordinacioni, correccioni, et reformatio[n]i dominorum presidencium provincialis capituli nigrorum monachorum provincie Anglicane, necnon et specialiter domini abbatis monasterii beate Marie Ebor', unius de presidentibus dicti capituli provincialis, et magistri Uthredi, monachi Dunelm', sacre page[ne] professoris, commissarii in hac parte aliorum duorum presidencium, prestito in verbo sacerdotis iuramento

Sub qua consimili forma omnes monachi et singuli dicti monasterii, de licencia, sciencia et approbacione dicti abbatis, se in personis suis similiter summiserunt, quorum nomina sunt hec <domini>¹ Matheus Dawnay, prior,² Robertus de Gisburgh, Iohannes de Richemund, Iohannes de Alverton', Iohannes de Levyngton', Iohannes de Marton', Iohannes de Skarburgh, Thomas de Haukskarth, Petrus de Hertirpole, Iohannes del Holme, Reginaldus de Esyngton', Robertus de Boynton', Willelmus de Hayton', Willelmus de Ormesby, Stephanus de Ormesby, Walterus de Bampton', et Willelmus de Yarome, <et> excepto Willelmo ultimo nominato, qui iuravit ad sancta Dei ewangelia quod sacerdos non fuerat, corporale in verbo sacerdotii prestiterunt <iuramentum>,³ in domo eorum capitulari, anno et die supradictis.

Dominus abbas ad articulos de eo nunciatos pro maiori parte respondit in scriptis, ad quosdam verbotenus.

Matheus, prior,⁴ ad primum articulum respondens negavit, et purgavit se legitime cum ix manu. Ad secundum excusavit se sufficienter cum testimonio capituli. Ad tertium consimiliter se excusavit. Ad quartum cum testimonio capituli se excusavit.

Ricardus de Malton,⁵ quia infirmus et non compos mentis, ut dicebatur, non fuit impeditus nec respondit⁶

Robertus de Gisburgh⁷ fatetur articulum primum. Ad secundum articulum de apostasia fuit correctus. Ad tertium articulum convictus erat, quia non potuit se purgare. Ad quartum, quantum ad filium procreatum negat; fatetur tamen quod compater eius fuit sine licencia abbatis; qui mittitur ad puniendum ad monasterium beate Marie Ebor'.

Iohannes de Alverton⁸ ad primum de dilapidacione sibi imposita

¹ interlin.

² Iohannes . Ricardus . struck through.

³ interlin. over sacramentum struck through. ⁴ Cf. p. 291, above.

⁵ Cf. p. 292, above.

⁶ Iohannes struck through

⁷ Cf. p. 292, above.

⁸ Cf. p. 292, above

satis bene se iustificavit [De conspiracione et confederacione se purgavit cum v manu.]¹ Quo ad sigillum commune, remanet in suspenso.

Iohannes de Richmud et dictus Iohannes Alverton, Iohannes de Levyngton, Iohannes de Merton, de conspiracione et confederacione cum v manu legitime se purgarunt.

Petrus de Hertirpole² impetratur de incontinencia cum duabus mulieribus; se purgavit legitime cum viij manu. Ad <eundem> articulum de conspiracione contra abbatem suum se purgavit cum vj manu. Ad secundum similiter cum vij manu se purgavit. Ad 3^m negat quo ad primum de robis datis; de duobus aliis concedit, et hoc pro comodo offici sui, nec unquam prohibicionem habuit de contrarium faciendo, et hoc fecit tempore alterius abbatis. Ad quartum <de proprietatis>³ se iustificavit per attestacionem abbatis. Ad quintum negat sibi aliquid iurasse, nisi obedienciam, quam servavit, nec doceri potuit de contrario. |

Iohannes de Holme⁴ quo ad primum de incontinencia non potuit *fo. iv.* se purgare, propter quod et alias causas ad monasterium de Selby transmittitur puniendus. De secundo articulo fuit correctus, ut capitulum testatur.

Reginaldus de Esyngton⁵ ad primum respondit, et negavit proprietatem, et iustificavit per attestacionem abbatis, cui ostendit quemque habuit Quo ad secundum respondit eodem modo. Ad tertium respondit non fuisse in defectu suo. Ad quartum de discordia se purgavit cum quarta manu

Robertus de Boynton⁶ de primo articulo <de incestu> cum vij manu legitime se purgavit; quo ad alia illius articuli et quoad secundum articulum, per testimonium caputli se sufficienter excusavit.

Willelmus de Ormesby⁷ de primo articulo cum vij manu se legitime purgavit. De secundo articulo cum⁸ viij manu, immo quasi cum toto conventu legitime se purgavit. De 3^o cum v manu se purgavit. De quarto quantum ad literas missas in defamacionem et revelationem secretorum capituli et de apostasia, quo ad illa tria cum quarta manu insimul se purgavit.

Stephanus de Ormesby⁹ quo ad primum articulum de abrasione, correctus est, penitencia sibi iniuncta, scilicet quod per mensem singulis feriis quartis et sextis reciperet in capitulo <publice> disciplinam. De secundo est correctus. De tercio¹⁰ fatebatur, quod fuit infirmitas generalis omnium. Ad quartum dixit se paratum ad iustificandum cum rotulis suis, sed nondum fecit.

¹ struck through.

⁴ Cf. p. 295, above.

⁷ Cf. p. 296, above.

⁹ Cf. p. 296, above.

² Cf. p. 294, above.

⁵ Cf. p. 295, above.

⁸ toto conventu struck through.

³ sic MS.

⁶ Cf. p. 295, above.

¹⁰ correctus est struck through

Willelmus de Ayton¹ impetus de xl marcis distractis ab officio coquine, in parte se excusavit cum testimonio abbatis, et ulterius cum quarta manu se purgavit.

Thomas Hawkskarth ad primum articulum in cedula² de recessu de capitulo, <primo protestando se nolle recedere a concordia facta per magistrum Thomam de Button, qui fecit concordiam de omnibus contentis in cedula, tamen pro maiori informacione>³ dixit quod hoc fecit propter iustum metum, qui possit cadere in constantem virum; de quo metu docuit per tres evidencias, primo de incarceracione indebita, de quo dictum sibi fuerat per fide dignos, secundo de timore Thome Maulay conducti per abbatem, 3º propter armatos viros in claustro⁴ tempore <capituli>; qui articulus ponitur in suspenso, donec plenius deliberetur, si metus talis debeat excusare, <et de concordia facta.> Ad secundum quo ad primam partem negat se recessisse etc'; negat se eciam obligatum iuramento ad decretum istud in hac parte; articulus ponitur in suspenso, quousque videatur que fuerit materia super quam fuerat summissio sua facta coram abbe Ebor'. Ad tertium de sigillacione cum sigillo communi, impetitis dicto Thoma, Matheo Dawnay, Iohanne de Richmund, Iohanne de Marton', Iohanne de Alverton', Iohanne de Levynton', Iohanne de Skarburgh, Willelmo de Ormesby, Willelmo de Iarom, respondent se fuisse correctos per magistros Iohannem de Walton⁵ et Iohannem Heriz; articulus ponitur in suspenso, usque habeatur locutio cum dictis visitatoribus. Ad quartum⁶ de incessu cum armis, purgavit se cum vj manu, et de percussione istius servientis legitime se per testimonium sufficiens confratrum se excusavit. Ad quintum de non celebracione iniungitur sibi penitencia, ut diceret 3ª spalteria ante⁷ natale. Ad vj dixit quod deliberaret, quia allegavit metum iustum illius Thome Maulay; articulus ponitur in suspenso. Ad vij dixit quod non recoluit se taliter dixisse, tamen pro humilitate petivit veniam, et iniuncta fuerat sibi penitencia. Ad viii negavit, tamen prior suus habet respondere de litera abbatis sibi porrecta, ne dictus Thomas exiret <parochiam>⁸ nisi in comitiva sua; qui ponitur in suspenso. Ad ix de sentencia lata dixit sentenciam illam cum multis aliis revocatam per dominum archiepiscopum et eius consilium ac abbatem; ponitur in suspenso.

Ad primum in rotulo⁹ responsum est supra. Ad secundum responsum est supra, ut ad ix in cedula. Ad 3m respondetur ut supra. Ad quartum de adulterio¹⁰ purgavit se cum ix manu. Ad vtm iustificatur quod non sic fecit. Ad vj respondetur supra. Ad vii ut supra. Ad viii ut supra. Ad ix ut supra.

¹ Cf. p. 296, above.

² Cf No 351, p 296, above.

³ added in same hand in left margin

⁴ eodem struck through

⁵ sic, for Waltham? Cf p. 295, above

⁶ quando impetratur de incontinencia struck through

⁷ altare struck through.

⁸ interlin over villam struck through

⁹ Cf. p. 292, above.

¹⁰ ulterio MS

Abbas negat¹ articulum xlj. Similiter xlj. xljj deliberabat. Ad xljj respondet alio loco. Ad xlv negat. xlvj promittitur emenda. xlvj similiter promittitur emenda. xlvij testatur capitulum quod delinquentes puniuntur. xlxi fiet emenda secundum constituciones Benedictinas. Ad l oportet quod clerici deputentur pro missis celebrandis. Ad lj scolaris est electus. Ad lj ordinabitur quod fiat. Ad lij promittit quod canes de monasterio expellantur. Ad xliij² promittit quod emendabitur. Ad lv dicit quod fuit peticio conventus. Ad lvj dicit quod emendabitur.

Responsio Thome de Haukskarth ad secundum in cedula dicit: Quo ad decretum domini abbatis Ebor', non summisi me arbitrio dicti abbatis Ebor' in articulo isto, videlicet quod non exirem septa monasterii nostri nisi de licencia abbatis mei. In alio sic respondit, quo ad decretum archiepiscopi, dicit quod antequam decretum sibi fuerat intimatum, solummodo sibi ostensa quadam cedula quam habuit multiplicitate suspectam, que dicebatur copia dicti decreti. Fuit paratus tradere omnia que habuit abbat, que tamen non erant superflua, sed de licencia et permissione abbatis sui habuit usum eorum, usquequo constabat sibi de huiusmodi decreto, et tunc statim omnia que habuit, eciam necessaria sua, abbat transmisit.

Replicaciones contra responsiones abbatis.³ Domini Matheus Dawnay, prior, Iohannes de Richmund, Iohannes de Alverton, superior, Iohannes de Levyngton, Thomas de Haukskarth, Petrus de Hertirpole, Iohannes de Marton, Willelmus de Ormesby, Robertus de Boynton, Walterus Bampton; isti omnes et singuli iurati et examinati super responsionem ad primum articulum, dicunt consensu quo ad singulos eorum de sigillacione illa fuisse illiberum et quasi extortum timore persecucionis. Dicunt eciam quod necessitas illa allegata proveniebat ex defectu abbatis, qui satis potuit providisse aliunde.

Super responsione ad secundum articulum iurati et examinati dicunt sicut prius quod necessitas talis accidebat ex indiscrecione et defectu abbatis, excepto corrodio vendito Bartholomeo Chapman. Iohannes tamen de Marton dubitat de quibusdam corrodiis venditis, et de quibusdam concordat cum sociis suis.

Super responsione ad quartum iurati et examinati dicunt quod cum fo^{2v}. abbas sciverit plures de subditis suis fuisse multociens discordes, nunquam aliquos concordabat, exceptis 3^{bus} vicibus de vj monachis, qui se invicem percuciebant.

a.⁴ Super responsione <ad> xj articulum de avaricia inextinguibili abbatis dicunt iurati et examinati omnes <predicti> preter Iohannem de Marton quod articulus est verus et responsum non verum, quia

¹ Cf p 289, above; for the rest of the abbot's answers, see No. 353, below.

² sic MS.

³ Cf. No 353, below

⁴ This paragraph comes at the end of the document, but is marked (with "a" and "b") for insertion here.

ut dicunt quod recepit¹ de uxore Ricardi Here pro uno annali iij li. De uxore Iohannis Payne² pro dim. anno xl s. Item vendidit Petro Betson et Roberto Durant fraternitates in hospitali sancti Iohannis de Whitby pro xx s. Item recepit de nativis monasterii de Whitby, videlicet de Petro Lill', Adam Tymson, Rogero Dowson, Willelmo filio Rogeri, Iohanne filio Willelmi, Iohanne Dowson, Ricardo fratre eiusdem, Alano de Fordon, Rogero fratre eiusdem, Ricardo filio Henrici, Ricardo filio Stephani, et alius quampluribus, qui non possunt de facilis numerari xx s. per annum. Item recepit de Roberto de Staynton xij s iij d. De Iohanne Elmeswell dim. marc. De Iohanne Payne x s. De Willelmo Ferour v s. De Willelmo de Neuton ij s. vj d. De uxore Roberti Legett v s. De Iohanne Redhende dim. marc. De domino Thoma de Appilby x s. De Galfrido de Fillyng dim. marc. De uxore Willelmi Herfaud dim. marc. De Roberto Sumer x s. De quodam nauta de Selby dim. marc. De Roberto Wright de Stowpe dim. marc. De Willelmo Colvill v s. De Ricardo Mayson de North-fillyng xl s. De Ricardo Grenrigg de Normanby dim. marc. De Hugone fratre eius dim. marc. De Iohanne de Morsone xij s. iiiij d. De Adam forestario de Staynsikirk viij s. De Roberto Morson' de eadem dim. marc. De uxore Hugonis de Morsone dim. marc. De Rogero de la Dale et de Ybrone v s. De Ricardo Chere et uxore eius iij li. De Iohanne Smyth, Iohanne Scot et aliis potencioribus ville de Whitby vj li. pro decimis oblitis et absolucionibus Item recepit de Iohanne de Elmeswell dim. marc. De Roberto Taillour de Neuton xij s. iij d. Item de Willelmo Parkour dim. marc. De Alano Fordon dim. marc. De Roberto Sumer dim. marc. De Willelmo Schephird de Croxby xij s. iiiij d. De Thoma Archer xij s. iiiij d. De Iohanne Middelwod xij s. iiiij d. De Rogero Malynson dim. marc. De Adam Prodhome dim. marc. pro empacione corrodiorum. Item distraxit de grossis summis de termino Pentecost' anno Domini etc' lxij ix li. xijij s Et de Alexandro de Lyth senescallo monasterii de Whitby iij li. vj s. viij d. Item de summa recepta pro bosco vendito in Southfeldclif distrax.t v li. Quas summas predictas usui proprio reservat, ut asseritur in articulo

b. Super xij articulo iurati et examinati dicunt per magnas evidencias quod factum fuerat ex procuracione abbatis.

Super responsione ad xxij articulum dicunt iurati et examinati quod capellanus iacuit extra cameram abbatis per annos ante brigam de qua fit mencio in responsione abbatis.

Super responsione ad xxij dicunt iurati et examinati quod est contra utilitatem monasterii de Whitby, sicut docuerunt per varias evidencias, et quod solvit ei de bonis communibus domus.

Super responsione ad xxv^{tum} dicunt omnes preter Iohannem de Alverton et Petrum de Hertirpole, qui tunc temporis morabantur apud cellam de Middlesburgh, iurati et examinati de lite illa mota, quod

¹ sic MS

² corrected from Spayne.

clausum fuit prostratum, unde lis movebatur, sine consensu conventus et consilii eorum.

[353. *Replies of the abbot of Whitby to the articles in No. 350. [c. 12 Oct., 1366?].*]

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In Dei nomine, Amen Dompnus Willelmus abbas monasterii de Whiteby protestatur quod a defensionibus, excepcionibus et quibuscumque iuris remedium sibi competentibus, pro quanto submissioni sue facte non obviant, tam contra articulos in visitacione die veneris infra octabas nativitatis sancti Iohannis baptiste anno Domini M^o ccc^mo lx^mo sexto per fratres Willelmum de Tanfeld, priorem prioratus de Wederhale, et Rogerum de Castro, monachum monasterii beate Marie Ebor^r, commissarios in hac parte per abbatem de Bardenay ut dicitur deputatos, quam contra personas in dicta visitacione contra dictum abbatem de Whiteby deponentes, per infrascrittas responsiones ad ipsos articulos seu per alia quecumque per eum facienda vel dicenda recedere non intendit, sed eisdem adherere firmiter et inniti [?] vult et proponit, pro loco et tempore oportunis.

In primis dicit idem abbas quod tempore creacionis sue in abbatem dicti monasterii de Whiteby invenit ipsum monasterium debitiss alienis in quadringentis quinque libris, xix s., preter viginti marcas de aliis officiis debitiss oneratum, et per scripta obligatoria sub sigillo communis dicti monasterii consignata sub pena dupli ad certos dies a diu est effluxos solvend' et aliis modis obligatum. Item annui redditus assisse dicti monasterii tempore predicto ad centum triginta novem libras, octodecim solidos et unum denarium dumtaxat se extendebant, prout premissa patent per literam sigillo capituli sigillatam.

<Doceat per inventarium. > [LM]

<Doceat de exilitate annui assise. > [LM]

j. A premissis¹ protestacionibus² non recedendo, sed eis firmiter inherendo, pro quanto submissioni sue non obviant, ad primum articulum³ respondet dictus dominus abbas sub hac forma, quod vendicio lane de qua in dicto articulo fit mencio, de consensu capituli et pro urgente necessitate et evidenti utilitate dicti monasterii fiebat, et non aliter, eo presertim quod tunc temporis necessitatibus et dampnis dicti monasterii imminentibus, <ut> videtur, commodius occurri non potuit alio modo. Et quo ad hoc quod dicitur in fine articuli dictum abbatem in apotheca sua tunc habuisse ducentas marcas, respondet abbas et dicit quod hoc est falsum, nec est estimacio communis de hoc, sed dumtaxat cuiusdam singularis persone.

<Quia imminebat pena dupli. > [LM]

<Declarentur necessitates. > [LM]

ij. Ad secundum articulum respondet abbas et dicit quod articulus

¹ premissa MS. ² corrected,? from protestacione ? ³ Cf. p. 279, above.

est falsus. Et quod <quando> corrodia vendidit dictus abbas, huiusmodi vendicio fiebat cum consensu capituli sui, propter urgentem necessitatem et evidentem utilitatem dicti monasterii, et sub sigillo communi eiusdem, cuius custodia tunc penes priorem, precentorem et sacristam dicti monasterii notorie remanebat. Quantum ad finem articuli de Benedictinis constitutionibus, negat.

<Dicit quod necessitates patent per rotulos bursarū. > [LM]

iij. Ad tertium articulum dicit quod articulus ut articulatur non continet veritatem; concedit tamen quod abradit unum statutum editum Norhamton'. <de lumine in choro. >¹

iiij. Ad quartum dicit articulum quod non continet veritatem.

<Doceat qui voluerit. >

v. Ad quintum articulum dicit quod quociens sibi vacavit in sabbatis interfuit mandato. Quo ad officarios, vult ut custodes ordinis puniant debite delinquentes

<Respondeant officiarii pro seipsis. >

vj. Ad sextum articulum respondit abbas et dicit quod quociens dispositus fuit ad celebrandum cum nota in festis principalibus in summo altari celebравit. Et quando ibidem celebrare non potuit, prior dicti monasterii celebравit ad summum altare, unico die dumtaxat excepto, quo die dicti abbas et prior notoria infirmitate fuerant impediti. Et si Robertus de Giseburn' missam ad summum altare aliquo die solemni celebравit, hoc fecit post peractam ab eo penitenciam de sua incontinencia, et non alias

vij. Ad septimum articulum dicit quod interfuit in matutinis principalibus, quociens per negotia domus seu alias legitime non fuerat impeditus. Et quantum ad commissaciones et ebrietates, de quibus in articulo memoratur, dicit quod non continet veritatem.

<Doceatur de obedienciariis. > [LM]

viii. Ad octavum articulum respondit quod ieiunavit, quatenus iejunare de iure seu de observancia regulari tenebatur, et sic fecerunt alii sui subdit, quatenus idem abbas scivit vel scire potuit.

ix. Ad nonum articulum dicit quod de notoria et antiqua consuetudine dicti monasterii de residuo ferculorum abbatis camerarius abbatis, serviens in cellario, et pagettus de aula vivere solebant, nec alio modo de coquina solet eis ministrari. Et quo ad alia in dicto articulo contenta, dicit quod non continent veritatem.

<Fiat emendacio de canibus. > [LM]

x. Ad decimum articulum dicit quod fragmenta abbatis et conventus sui adeo sunt minuta, ex certis causis ad presens in scriptis non expressis, quod parum vel nichil elemosine remanet; et quo ad cetera in articulo, dicit quod non continet veritatem.

<Fiat ordinacio quantum ad elemosinam. > [LM]

¹ If this addition is connected with the preceding article, it may refer to the Statutes of 1343, I, 28, vol. II, p. 35

xj. Ad undecimum articulum dicit quod aliquando fratres hospitalis sancti Iohannis de Whiteby, postquam in eodem per fratres eiusdem recepti fuerint et admissi, et corrodarii monasterii, postquam corrodia eis fuerint de communii consensu abbatis et conventus concessa, absque quacumque paccione precedente, sua voluntate spontanea, aliquando xl d., aliquando dimidiam marcam, aliquando maius vel minus eidem abbati pro speciebus dederunt. Et quo ad cetera dicit quod dictus articulus non continet veritatem.

<Inquiratur de recepcione fratrum. > [LM]

xij. Ad duodecimum articulum dicit quod non continet veritatem, et super hoc petit testimonium archiepiscopi

xij. Ad tercium decimum articulum dicit quod aliquando Thomas de Haukesgarth et complices sui ipsum abbatem coram domino archiepiscopo Eboracensi super eodem articulo impetraverunt, qui quidem articulus secundum ordinacionem communicati consilii dictorum archiepiscopi et abbatis fuit et est expeditus.

xiji. Ad quartum decimum articulum dicit quod frater Willelmus de Hayton' fuit inpetitus de summa in ipso articulo contenta. Et quia inpetitores huiusmodi probare non poterant quod dixerunt, ideo expectatus fuit idem Willelmus usque ad compotum suum, qui postmodum in compoto suo fidele raciocinium reddidit de eadem, prout abbatii et aliis auditoribus videbatur, et hec dictus Willelmus paratus est verificare.

<Ostendat dictus Willelmus quod promittit. > [LM]

Ad xv xvij et xvij dicit quod non continent veritatem; et quo ad articulum xvij, vult declarare per compotum celerari; quo ad xvij respondebit.

xix. xx. Ad xix et xx articulos respondens dicit quod compertum fuit in visitacione domini archiepiscopi Eboracensis in capitulo monasterii nuper facta, quod frater Robertus de Gissemburn' incontinenter vixit. Et quia idem dominus archiepiscopus correccionem de ipso articulo sic comperto non commisit dicto abbati, ideo dictus abbas super dicto articulo ulterius non processit, sicud nec de iure poterat aut debebat, nec idem Robertus aliquem puerum aliquo tempore de sacro fonte levavit de sciencia, consensu vel licencia dicti abbatis.

xxj. Ad xxj primum dicit quod antequam frater Thomas de Haukesgarth et sui complices noctanter cum gladiis, baculis et aliis armis invasivis insultum eidem abbati ad hostium camere sue dederunt ad interficiendum eundem, capellanus suus continue cum ipso abbate in camera sua iacebat, sed ab eo tempore et citra dictus capellanus extra ipsam cameram iacuit et iacet, ne postquam idem capellanus ad matutinas noctanter ut decet surrexerit, emuli dicti abbatis in cameram suam liberum habeant ingressum, vite dicti abbatis, ut verisimiliter timet, insidiantes. Et dicit quod nunquam audivit vel scivit Robertum Edward camerarium <suum> super aliquo adulterio fuisse convictum.

xxij xxij. Ad vicesimum secundum et vicesimum tercium articulos dicit quod dominus archiepiscopus precepit eidem abbatii, quod non teneret continue Alanum de Ake in comitiva sua¹. Et dicit quod a tempore dicti precepti nunquam iacuit idem Alanus quatuor noctibus in comitiva dicti abbatis, aliquando tamen semel in ebdomada vel semel in mense comedit idem Alanus ut alius hospes extraneus cum dicto abbate et non aliter. Et quo ad dimissionem altaragii de Akenes, dicit quod fiebat ad utilitatem dicti monasterii sui et non aliter. Et dicit quod cetera in eodem articulo contenta non continent veritatem

xxiij. Ad vicesimum quartum articulum dicit quod Thomas <Maulay>, de quo in articulo memoratur, monasterium predictum multipliciter potuit et potest gravare, et eciam proficere eidem. Et ideo ut dictus Thomas amicus, consiliarius et adiutor dicti monasterii sui existat, dictus abbas de cofris suis propriis quamdiu sibi placuerint et sine obligacione quinque marc' per annum solvit et non aliter. Et quo ad cetera articulus non continent veritatem

xxv. Ad xxv^m articulum dicit quod dictus abbas non movet aliquas lites contra consensum conventus sui; et quo ad litem nuper inter eum et dominum Robertum Conyers motam, et quo ad alia in ipso articulo contenta, dicit quod idem abbas nichil fecit nisi de consensu et consilio dicti capituli et consilii eorundem ac ad prosecucionem iuris dicti monasterii sui. Et dampnum quod ex dicta lite dicto monasterio eveniebat ex culpa, arrogancia et superbia dicti Thome de Haukesgarth dictum negotium prosequentis.²

<Respondeat Thomas> [LM]

xxvj. Ad xxvj articulum dicit quod idem articulus in nullo continent veritatem

xxvij. Ad xxvij articulum dicit quod annui redditus et ceteri proficiunt dicti monasterii tantum valent nunc, quantum valuerunt tempore creationis dicti abbatis et amplius. Et dicit quod quadringente et viginti libre argenti ad supportacionem expensarum et onerum <necessario> incumbensium non sufficiunt.

xxvij. xxix. Ad xxvij et xxix articulos dicit quod numerus bidentium dictorum abbatis et conventus per pestilenciam et casus fortuitos, et nullatenus ex dolo, negligencia seu culpa dicti abbatis minoratur, et ista est causa, quare bidentes dicti monasterii tempore huius abbatis temporibus modernis minorantur, et lane pretense³ decreverunt.

xxx. Ad xxx articulum dicit quod nulli erant arbores dicti monasterii venditi, nisi ad utilitatem erusdem, et precium earundem in usus necessarios dicti monasterii conversum, exceptis arboribus per dictum fratrem Thomam de Haukesgarth dum fuerat bursarius preter et contra consensum dicti abbatis vendidit,⁴ quarum precium dictus Thomas contra voluntatem abbatis predicti detinuit et detinet in presenti.

<Respondeat Thomas> [LM]

¹ cf. above, p. 277, n. 3.

² sic MS.

³ sic MS.

⁴ sic MS.

xxxij. Ad xxxij articulum dicit quod nulla corrodia vendidit, nec aliquam pensionem concessit, nisi propter utilitatem evidentem et urgentem necessitatem dicti monasterii, ac de communī consensu conventus predicti. Exprimantur corrodia et de decretis archiepiscopi et presidentis litera.

<Nota de corrodia> [LM]

xxxij. Ad xxxij articulum dicit quod nulla distraccio per dictum abbatem fiebat pretextu cuius aliquod dampnum dicto monasterio iminebat, nec aliqua alienacio meremii seu proventuum fiebat sine consensu conventus. Et quo ad destitucionem officii coquime,¹ dicit quod hoc non est de defectu abbatis sed hoc est de consensu abbatis. Et quo ad corrodia de quibus in articulo memoratur | dicit quod nulla corrodia vendidit nisi de consensu conventus sui, evidente utilitate et necessitate monasterii urgente et pecunia inde recepta in usus dicti monasterii conversa fuit. Et quo ad pensionem in eodem articulo contentam,² dicit quod omnes abbates predecessores sui qui pro tempore fuerant in monasterio de Whiteby dictam pensionem a prioribus de Middellisburgh receperunt, sed abbas qui nunc est dictam pensionem a custode seu priore qui nunc est ibidem nichil recepit. Quantum ad distractiōnē negat.

xxxij. Ad xxxij articulum dicit quod ius patronatus <ecclesie> de Sutton super Derwent ob necessitatem dicti monasterii urgentem de consensu conventus et domini archiepiscopi vendebatur, et precium eiusdem in ipsius monasterii utilitatem fuit conversum

<Exprimatur necessitas.>

xxv. Ad xxv articulum dicit quod post placitum motum in curia domini regis super skeppis in dicto articulo expressis, tandem inspectis rotulis et monumentis, compertum quod abbas de Hepp', dum manerium de Revegill fuerat in manibus suis propriis, deberet solvere sex skeppas avenarum nomine decime, sed quando dictum manerium fuerat dimisum tenentibus, tunc deberet solvere decimam ut alii parochiani, et sic extitit concordatum.

<Ostendatur talis indentura>

xxxvj. Ad xxxvj articulum dicit abbas quod omnes pecuniarum summe, de quibus in dicto articulo fit mencio, in utilitatem et commodum dicti monasterii fuerant et sunt converse, prout per rotulos bursariorum qui pro temporibus fuerant satis patet et poterit apparere.

<Ostendantur rotuli> [LM]

xxxvij. Ad xxxvij articulum dicit ut supra quod quadringente et viginti libre ad onera dicti monasterii supportanda notorie non sufficiunt. Et <dicit> quod alimenta monachis claustralibus dicti monasterii toto tempore suo sunt et fuerant ministrata, quatenus ad hec sufficiebant ipsius monasterii facultates.

xxxvij. Ad xxxvij articulum dicit quod non occurrit memorie

¹ Cf article 33.

² Cf. article 34.

dicti abbatis se aliquo tempore dixisse se nolle statuta, de quibus in ipso articulo fit mencio, observare, sed ea pro posse observavit et observare intendit. Et quo ad publicationem ultimarum constitutionum, dixit quod nunquam habuit in mandatis dictas constitutiones observare seu publicare, nec credidit ipsas fuisse approbatas ante ultimum capitulum generale.

xxxix. Ad xxxix articulum dicit quod nunquam interdixit monachis ne exirent clastrum¹ in forma articuli, sed aliquando iniunxit eis, quod infra certum tempus inter se tractarent et deliberarent de competenti remedio pro debitis monasterii solvendis, et per quam viam utilius et commodius huiusmodi debita solvi et eorum victualia necessaria comparari possent. Et quia huiusmodi iniunctionibus diversis parere non curarunt, tandem monuit eosdem ne clastrum exirent, quoisque super premissis debite tractarent et plene deliberarent.

xl. Ad xl articulum negat quod hospites indebit recipiuntur; fatetur tamen quod non sunt in hostiliaria omnia necessaria ut deberent.

Et protestatur idem abbas, si et quatenus non sit dictis articulis plene per eum responsum, quod habita deliberacione ad eos plenius responderebit, et responsiones suas predictas si necesse fuerit apercius declarabit²

[354. *Copy of a letter, probably to Utred of Boldon from a monk of St. Mary's York, concerning the abbot and monks of Whitby, after the visitations. [c. 8 Dec., 1366.]*]

Durham, Miscellaneous, not catalogued [fo. 2 of the same document as No. 353].

Magister et domine reverende, quo ad iniunctionem vestram et presidentis³ factam abbatii de Whiteby in capitulo eiusdem monasterii, nichil amplius <actenus> restat factum, excepto quod altercacio grandis et maior solito facta est inter ipsum et conventum suum super huiusmodi scripto iuxta tenorem iniunctionis sue noviter faciendo. Non enim vult dictus abbas permettere aliquo sensu, quod Thomas de Hauxgesgarth aut Petrus de Hertilpoyl intromittant se circa ipsum negocium <exequendum>.⁴ At vero prior et conventus nolunt consentire ad sigillacionem ipsius scripti sub sigillo communis, nisi illud <scriptum> fieret de consensu et industria dictorum fratrum Thome et Petri. Unde prior et conventus bene concedunt, quod duo commonachi, sine acceptione⁵ alicuius persone, quicunque placuerint dicto abbati, assignentur ex parte sua, et alii duo ex parte conventus pro ipso inventario faciendo. Sed quia dictus abbas timet sibi, quod illi duo assignandi per conventum erunt fratres Thomas et Petrus; igitur predictam oblationem sui conventus renuit et recusat; affirmans

¹ sic MS.

² Here follows No. 354.

³ The abbot of St. Mary's York, president, was associated with Utred of Boldon, as visitor

⁴ over excercendum.

⁵ sic, perhaps for excepcione?

preter hoc quod ipse certificabit abbati nostro in hac parte per quoddam scriptum sigillatum sigillo abbacie sue,¹ pro quo faciendo et acceptando misit iam tarde abbati nostro bursarium suum, fratrem Willelmum de Hayton, quem tamen frater Petrus de Hertilpoyl prevenit ad nos per unum diem, exprimens seriem superius recitatam. Ideo si placet velitis habere diligentem tractatum cum domino abbatte sancti Albani et consilio suo, quid in premissis fuerit faciendum predicto abbati de Whitteby, si non obstante iniunctione sibi facta virtute sue submissionis, nobis non scripserit infra terminum sibi debite limitatum, vel forte, ut verisimiliter estimatur, sub sigillo suo et non sigillo communi, contra voluntatem prioris et decem aut undecim de conventu suo, hoc fecerit in futurum. Super quibus consensum et voluntatem domini abbatis sancti Albani ac vestram in scriptis circa festum purificationis virginis Marie, vel quam cicius commode vos potestis, audire desiderat abbas noster. Nam sine dubio diversi iurisperiti, ac pre ceteris frater Willelmus de Hayton, promittunt abbati de Whitteby tot at tanta iuris remedia, quod parum aut nichil curat de ordine aut presidentibus in premissis. Nec video quin omnino expedit, quod dominus abbas sancti Albani accedat personaliter ad monasterium de Whitteby, cum potestate tamen et auctoritate regia, tempore [. . .]ali, ut sic tam arduum negocium et quasi ab omnibus desperatum, per duos presidentes et vestram discretionem finem congruum [.]. De modo accessus et recessus fratris Willelmi Iordanis² de Oxonia [.] aliis [incidendum? oportunis] libenter audiendis² Scriptum Ebor' post matutinas in choro [.] concepcionis.³

[355. The abbot of Westminster, probably as president, writes to the abbot of Walden, concerning the appointment of the prior studentum at Cambridge. 23 April [c. 1515-16.]

Westminster Abbey Muniment 12757.

Percolendo in Christo patri viroque circumspecto domino⁵ gracia
diva⁵ abbati de Waldena⁶ Iohannes eadem permissione (propriis⁷

¹ This probably refers to the report of the abbot of Whitby to the abbot of St. Mary's York, 10 Dec., 1366, No. 222, above.

² The Dominican opponent of Utred of Boldon (cf. Bale, *Index*, ed. Poole, 463). Perhaps Utred had already returned to Oxford when this letter was sent to him; he would there be better able to get into touch with the abbot of St Albans, as the letter urges.

³ written in the left-hand corner

5-5 enterlin

⁶ John Thaxted, 1509-33

7 interlin.

licet meritis non exigentibus) Occidentis monasterii abbas,¹ mutua cum caritate salutem. Accepi vir prestantissime (quas ad me per internuncium² archipresulis Dunstani sanctissimi³ vigilia⁴ vestra dedit paternitas⁴) periocundas perque gratissimas necnon omnibus oratorie artis floribus undique contextas litteras. Ex quibus intellexi et singularem vestram in scolares⁵ solerciam et distituti rectoris Cantabrigie studentibus mestitudinem, et quid in hac re⁶ me tua velit paternitas facere. Verumtamen quem ipsa vestra⁷ gravitas nuncupavit Iohannem Salcott⁸ (si eundem ut asserit ad id idoneum atque utilem iudicaverit) iisdem studentibus anno imminentे (ut constitutus) eciam atque eciam vestram auctoritatem flagito. Est et aliud vir pientissime (quod in huiusmodi negocio vestra ut perficiat dignitas) exoro. Quidam etenim Cantabrigie discipulus Iohannes Hasty dictus de monasterio de Selby in collegio de Bukkyngam⁹ qui sese in legibus studere profitetur et ob ist[usmodi] causam collegio . . .]¹⁰ atque hospicio sancti Nicholai¹¹ leges ad audiendas commorari [me expo . . . quod]¹⁰ ego me concessurum [con]fiteor, quin potius eodem in collegio alius ut incumbat [artibus, vestra moneat]¹⁰ industria velim. [Hii]s igitur perfectis, vestra (ut valeat) paternitas curet. Ex Westmonasterio¹² ix^o Kalendas Maias, calamo
vestre salutis cupidissimi Iohannis abbatis.

¹ John Islip, 1500–32. He was president, at least c. 1519–27. As president, he would be concerned with the appointment of a *prior studentium*; cf. Nos. 198, 240, 252, 273, 275, above.

² vigilia struck through. ³ 11 March. ^{4–4} interlin

⁵ corrected from scolarem ⁶ interlin ⁷ aucto struck through.

⁸ John Salcot or Capon, monk of Colchester; B.D. 1511–12, D.D. 1514–15 (*Cambridge Grace Book B*, Pt II, ed M. Bateson (1905), pp. 5, 36); prior of Colchester; abbot of St Benet of Holme, 1517–30, abbot of Hyde, 1530–9; Bishop of Salisbury, 1539–57; cf. *Dict. National Biography*, s.v. Capon.

⁹ The Benedictine College at Cambridge (now Magdalene College) corresponding to Gloucester College, Oxford.

¹⁰ damp-stained; partly restored from a transcript by the late Dr. Scott, former keeper of the muniments

¹¹ For St. Nicholas' Hostel, see H. P. Stokes, *Medieval Hostels of the Univ. of Cambridge*, pp. 89–91. Note that a change of studies seemed to involve a change of residence.

¹² raptim struck through.

ADDENDA AND CORRIGENDA

CORRIGENDA TO VOL. I

p. 3, l. 25 : *for* MS. 61 *read* MS. 64.
p. 11, l. 18 : *for* er *read* per.
p. 57, l. 9 : *for* mutuo *read* mutui.
p. 57, n. 3 : *for* par. 16 *read* par. 1b.
p. 98, l. 23 : *for* in hac hora *read* In hac hora : [= a liturgical formula].
p. 130, l. 24 : *for* recocantur *read* revocantur.
p. 204, n. 1 : owing to the references to the royal consort and children,
these documents (Nos. 128, 129) must refer either to Edward II,
c. 1321-7, or less probably to Edward III after the birth of his
eldest children.
p. 253, l. 20 : *for* propyas *read* proprias.
p. 257 : the references in the text to footnotes should be renumbered
as follows : *for* 16 *read* 17 ; *for* 17 *read* 18 ; *for* 18 *read* 16.
p. 279, l. 11 : *for* bonarum *read* bonorum.
p. 289, l. 14 : *for* 7 = 1218/96 *read* 7 = 1218/9. 6.

CORRIGENDA TO VOL. II

p. 9, ll. 18, 20 : *for* diocesisbus *read* diocese.
p. 23, l. 5 : *for* qua d. *read* quad.
p. 31, ll. 4-5 : cf. *Decretum*, II, XVI, i, 4.
p. 40, ll. 7-10 : cf. collections of decretals in Da, Db, Dc, vol. II,
p. viii, xi, xii, xiii, xiv.
p. 66, l. 18 : *for* quodam *read* quidam.
p. 87, l. 12 : *for* sicut *read* sicut.
p. 91, l. 3 : *for* videlicet *read* videlicet.
p. 96, n. 5 : *delete* or A. Kirketon of Spalding . . . in 1439.
p. 97, n. 15 : *delete* footnote. William Harleton was abbot of Waltham,
not Walden.
p. 100, n. 2 : *for* pecuniorum *read* pecuniarum.
p. 106, l. 4 : *for* divine *read* divina.
p. 115, l. 2 : *for* exundi *read* exeundi.
p. 121, l. 14 : *for* Iohannen *read* Iohannem.
p. 127, l. 2 : *for* transeant *read* transeunt.
p. 128, l. 2 : *for* concessi *read* concessis.

p. 138, l. 3: *for quidem read quidam.*

p. 147, l. 31: *for qua read quas.*

p. 149, l. 12: *for opponerentur perhaps should be read apponerentur.*

p. 151, l. 11: *for eoram read coram.*

p. 153, l. 2: *for compresidentes read compresidentis.*

p. 155, ll. 9-15. cf. statutes of 1218/19, par. 3 and 5, vol. I, p. 9.

p. 156, ll. 19-20: *for assignavimus read assignamus.*

p. 175, l. 23: *for scriptus read scriptis.*

p. 175, l. 25: *omit et at end of line.*

p. 181, l. 10: *for cenat read cenen*

p. 181, l. 18: *for antiquam read antiquam.*

p. 181, l. 32: *for disponet read disponat.*

p. 202, l. 18: *for vistandum read visitandum.*

p. 203, l. 16: *for emandatum read emendatum.*

p. 204, l. 5: *for ipsis read ipsas.*

p. 207, n. 30-1: *at end of footnote add N.*

p. 214, l. 28: *for cogruencia read congruencia.*

p. 218, l. 15: *for arreragiarum read arreragiorum.*

p. 221, l. 2: *omit second quod.*

p. 225, l. 5: *for aliquam read alquem.*

p. 225, l. 37: *omit comma at end of line.*

p. 228, col. 1, l. 5: *for xi, 4 read xi, 3.*

p. 228, col. 2, l. 29: *below viii, 3 add 4, 5.*

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Castell, Thomas (I), D.D., monk of Durham; warden of Durham College, Oxford (1487-94); proctor (1492), III, 216; [cf. O.H.S. *Collectanea*,

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Cham', Walter de, monk of Malmesbury; *prior studentum* at Oxford (1356), III, 25, 26; *see also* Malmesbury, abbots of, in Index of Persons and Places.

Clare, Thomas, D.D., monk of Bury St. Edmunds; [received grant *pro lectura sententiarum* (B.D.), MS. Harl. 638, fo. 266; D.D., at Oxford (1414), *Snappa's Formulary*, 183; "Thomas Clare, cancellarius" (? deputy for chancellor, Will. Barwe, *g.v.*), at Oxford (c. Oct., 1417), *Snappa's Formulary*, 334]; Regent at Oxford 7 years (before c. 1420–3), III, 190, 192; diffinitor, elector of presidents (1423), II, 145, 152, diffinitor (for 1426), assigned for sermon (for 1426), II, 153, 156; not ment. in 1426.

Clyve, John [monk of Worcester?]; auditor of accounts (1420), II, 96; ditto (1423), II, 139; ditto (1426), II, 161; [cf. *Cal. Papal Reg.*, VII, 54, 185].

Coffyn, Thomas, B.D., monk of Glastonbury, elector of visitors (1393), II, 93; [went abroad without leave (1380–1); prior (c. 1423); *V.C.H. Somerset*, II, 92, 93].

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Dereham, John, D.D., monk of Norwich; commissary of visitor (1411), III, 227; diffinitor (1420), assigned for sermon (1423), II, 97; committee on King's Articles (1421), II, 121; diffinitor, elector of presidents, preacher, prior of Lynn, D.D. (1423), II, 145, 152, 155, [perhaps = the prior of Lynn referred to by Margery Kempe, "a full worshipful clerk, a doctor of divinity"; twice prior of Lynn (the second time, c. 1421–5?); he just missed being sent over to France to Henry V. He was "a good master" to one of Margery's confessors. W. Butler-Bowden, *The Book of Margery Kempe*, 250–1].

Derham, Thomas, B.D., monk of Bury St. Edmunds; examiner of proxies (1426), II, 161; assigned for sermon (for 1429), II, 179; commissary of visitor (1432), III, 250; sacrist of B, proctor (1441), III, 214; perhaps = Thomas Derham, prior of Coventry, 1460–81.

Dudley, Duddeley, Dodele, John, D.D., monk of Worcester; [at Oxford, c. 1392–3, Leach, pp. 55, 56]; commissary of visitor (1399), III, 248; diffinitor, received grant for inception (1399), III, 146; proctor, D.D. (1399, 1402), III, 212; [sent to King and Abp., and to Oxford, against heretics (1407–8), Leach, p. 62]; diffinitor (c. 1417–20), III, 186; elector of presidents (1420), II, 97; subprior of Worcester (c. 1420–3), III, 189.

Dumbelton, John de, monk of Worcester, prior of Little Malvern (1299–1300), I, 145–61 *passim*; [cf. Little and Pelster, *Oxford Theologians*, 236–8].

Easton, Adam, D.D., monk of Norwich, Cardinal Priest of St. Cecilia; details of his career, III, 28 n; invited to Oxford, but retained to preach at Norwich (*c.* 1357–63), III, 28; *prior studentum* at Oxford (1366), III, 28 n, 60; mentioned (?) (*c.* 1367), III, 69; writes from the Court of Rome about Wyclif (1376?), III, 76, 77, procured Bull for English Black Monks (1383?), III, 80–1; the presidents plead for his pardon (1387), III, 82; [cf. D.N.B.; Tanner, 260].

Ebchester, Robert, D.D., monk of Durham; warden of Durham College, Oxford (1464–75), proctor (1465, 1468, 1474, 1477), III, 208, 214, 216; [O.H.S. *Collectanea*, III, 25] see also Durham, priors of (1478–84), in Index of Persons and Places.

Ebchester, Will, D.D., monk of Durham; warden of Durham College, Oxford (1419–28); invited to chapter (*c.* 1417–20), III, 100; assigned for sermon (for 1426), II, 156; inceptor in theology, elector of presidents (1426), II, 170, 173, assigned for sermon (for 1429), II, 179; D.D., proctor (1429), III, 212, prior of Holy Island, proctor (1432), III, 214; proctor, recommended by Univ. of Oxford (1441), III, 108, 214; [O.H.S. *Collectanea*, III, 24; Tanner, 743] see also Durham, priors of (1446–56), in Index of Persons and places.

Everard, master, D.D., prior of Gloucester; [*prior Oxoniensis*, incept in theology (1376–7), Leach, p. 53]; elector of presidents (1393), II, 93.

Fordam, John, D.D., monk of Worcester; at Oxford (*c.* 1392); [sent to King and to Court of Rome (1395–6), Leach, pp. 55, 60]; *Prior studentum* at Oxford (*c.* 1401–7–10?), III, 87; [sent to confer with King and Abp and to Oxford against heretics (1407–8) Leach, p. 62], [letter to him as *prior studentum* (*c.* 1409?), MS. Bodley 692, fo. 116]; see also Worcester, prior of (1410–38), in Index of Persons and Places.

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Fyrskney, Richard, monk of Crowland (?), II, 97; [cf. *Linc. Vis.*, II (1), 55, 58].

Gosforth, Goseford, John de, B.D., monk of Bury St. Edmunds; [contribution for his degree of B.D. (1375–6), MS. Harl. 638, fo. 173^v]; proctor, prior of Bury (1390), III, 210; commissary of visitor (abbot of Bury) (1399), III, 248.

Harleton, Richard, B.D., prior of Peterborough; proctor (1414), III, 212; commissary of visitor (1417), III, 257, proctor, prior of P., B.D. (1417), III, 212; committee on King's Articles (1421), II, 121; proctor (1423), III, 212; auditor of accounts, visitor (1423), II, 139, 142; commissary of visitor (1426), III, 250; proctor (1426), III, 212; auditor of accounts, elector of presidents (1426), II, 161, 173, 175; diffinitor (for 1429), II, 174; [cf. *Linc. Vis.*, II (2), 270 ff., 287].

Hatfield, John, D.Decr., [monk of St. Albans]; incepted in canon law (*c.* 1417–20), III, 185; [perhaps = prior of Belvoir (*c.* 1465–80) *Reg. Abb. Joh. Whethamsiede*, II, 30, 35, 145, 239].

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Hyenmars, Edward, D.D., monk of Durham; scholar of Durham College, Oxford, proctor (1512), III, 218; warden of Durham College (c. 1519-41); proctor (1519), III, 218; [O.H.S., *Collectanea*, III, 25].

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Kyrtone, Kirton, Edmund, B.D., monk of Westminster; at Oxford, 1407-26; commissary of visitor (1416-17), III, 256; employed on chapter business (1417-20), III, 185, 186, (1420-3), III, 190, 192; auditor of accounts 1423), II, 139; assigned for sermon (for 1426), II, 156; *prior studentium* at Oxford (1426), II, 161, 167, 169, 170, 171; elector of visitors and presidents, auditor of accounts (1426), II, 161, 166, 168, 173; diffinitor and assigned for sermon (for 1429), II, 174-5, 179; [recommended by Oxford Univ. to Pope (1440), Anstey, *Ep Acad.*, 196; Pearce, 129]; see also Westminster, abbots of.

Kyrtone, Cretton, Roger, monk of Westminster; commissary of visitor (1416-17), III, 256; auditor of accounts (1420), II, 96; ditto (1423), II, 139; renders account (1420-3), III, 190, 192; [Pearce, 120].

Lawerne, John, D.D., monk of Worcester, III, 28 n.; proctor (1459, 1465), III, 214, subprior, proctor (1474), III, 276; [B.D., lectures (1445); D.D., lectures (1448-9), MS. Bodley 692, fo. 119, 163].

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Mari, John de, D.D., monk of Norwich; proctor (1320), I, 201-3, 280; [B.D. (c. 1321?)], *Snappe's Formulary*, 378; incepted D.D. (c. 1329-30).

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Mody, John, D.D., monk of Durham, [at Oxford, c. 1422-5] ; accompanied president at Chapter (1426), II, 158, [Warden of Durham College, Oxford (1431-c. 1440), O.H.S. *Collectanea*, III, 24] ; recommended by Univ. of Oxford (1441), III, 108.

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Ryngstede, Richard, D.D., monk of Bury St Edmunds ; subprior of B., proctor, commissary of visitor (1441), III, 214, 250 ; [vice-chancellor of Oxford Univ., D.D. (1450), *Registrum Cancellariae* (O.H.S.), I, 198-207, cf. 230 ; *Prior studentium* at Oxford (1452), Wood, *Athenae Oxon* (1691), I, 656, MS. Top. Oxon. d. 146, p. 1 ; for his alleged writings, see Tanner, *Bibliotheca*, 833, note d ; for his good works and death (Jan. 1465), see *Mem. of S. Edmunds* (R.S.), III, 298, cf. 283]

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Sebroke, Thomas, D.D., monk [of Gloucester ?]; diffinitor (1444), II, 188, 189; [testimonial letter as D.D. (1441), *Epistolae Acad.*, 199]; perhaps = T. S., abbot of Gloucester (1450-7).

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Thurtylbury, Richard, D.D., monk of St. Mary's, York, *prior studentum* at Cambridge (1467), III, 115; [cf. *Cambridge Grace Book A*, 15, 54, 61, 115].

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